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Smart Garment Factory is established by the Rakhine State Government and Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement provide job opportunities for local residents. More than 100 people are employed at the factory. PHOTO: MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE, RELIEF AND RESETTLEMENT

Garment factory in Sittway provides more than 100 jobs

A garment factory came into operation in Satyokya Ward in Sittway under the plan for improving the socio-economic status of Rakhine State, creating more than 100 jobs for Rakhine ethnic women.

“Internal migrant women from Rakhine State working in Yangon and other areas have got the job at the factory (in their home state),” according to a report of the Myanmar News Agency.

The opening of the Cutting, making and packaging (CMP) garment factory is considered as a significant initial achievement of the Ponnagyun Industrial Zone in Rakhine State.

Meanwhile, the Rakhine State Stability and Development Implementation Central Committee is conducting job training for



Traditional weaving training courses are being conducted in Sittway as part of efforts for creating jobs for local women. PHOTO: MNA

the local women.

The committee is operating 100 traditional weaving facilities in Kyarmathauk Village in Sittway Township and creating jobs for local women.

The Resettlement and Socio-economic Development Committee led by its Chairman, Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, toured Kyaukpyu, Yanbye, Sittway and Pauktaw townships from 24 to 26 April and assisted in regional development tasks including roadwork, power supply and home repair.

The Emerald Green Project in Buthidaung and Taungup is aimed at creating job opportunities using Ks30 million for each designated village, benefiting 122 villages altogether.—GNLM

No entries or exits through Maungtaw border gate

NO one entered or exited the border gate at Maungtaw, despite restrictions being recently lifted, according to the Immigration department.

“Since before now, no restrictions were made ... but no one passed through the border gate at Maungtaw, apart from commodity flow” said U Shar Mwe La Khun, head of the immigration department.

“Bangladesh prohibited passing through the gate, so there was no one coming in and going out”.

Passing through the gate is now allowed after careful scrutiny in accord with the law. Two-night-and-three-day border passes and one-day border passes are being granted.

Prior to the 9 October violent armed attacks, there were up to 100 people leaving and entering the gate every day, said U Shar Mwe La Khun.—Myanmar News Agency



The low-traffic border gate in Maungtaw mostly used for commodity flow. PHOTO: MNA



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Hopes from by-election: land, rights, health, jobs, parking

Interviewer: Min Thit,
Zaw Gyi, Nanda Win, Nay Lin

Photo: Nay Zaw

Myanmar News Agency interviewed the people in the constituencies on the election candidates that participated in the by-elections held on 1 April 2017

Khu Bya Re (Khawthamaw village, Myoma village tract, Pruhsa Township, Kayah State)

Elected representative is expected to resolve the land issue in the State as well as the affairs of the locals. During the campaign period, candidates said they'll do the best they can on these matters. Lack of road links and scarcity of water are the main issues of the region that are expected to be resolved too. As a local people, I will help what I can in what the elected representative do for regional development.

U Tin Tun (Ward 3, Ywalut Village, Chaungzon Township)

I have no party affiliation. I like the spirit of the elected representative and voted for him. He had undertaken regional development tasks before. Now that he is the elected representative, I expect him to work for the people's requirement at least 75 per cent if not 100 percent.

Ko Tin Min Oo (An Township)

All the candidates participating in An are good. Dr. Aye Maung is a reliable person in Rakhine State. In the past, he represented local ethnic affairs well. Now that Dr. Aye Maung is the elected representative he is expected to look after the affairs of the Rakhine State. Previous representative looked after development matters in An. Dr. Aye Maung is also expected to look after An too.

Ko Maung Gyi (Ward 8, Dagon Myothit (East) Township, Yangon)

Even though I voted for the Previous representative, the representative never looked after the township. I hope this representative look after the township. Healthcare is poor in our township. The drains are not flowing and there are many mosquitoes. There are many cases of dengue. I want the elected representative to handle these matters effectively.

Daw Moh Moh Naing (Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Region)

Rule of law is lacking in Hlinethaya Township. This is the main issue to be handled. The scarcity of pipe water is also something that needed to be looked into. Our township also has the problem of squatters that are fire hazards. Low cost housing



Khu Bya Re



Daw Moh Moh Naing



Ko Moe Min Zaw



Daw Su Su Naing

should be allocated for the genuinely poor and needy people. Education aid materials are also lacking in the schools.

U Mya Thein (Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Region)

Working drains are required. Garbage thrown indiscriminately is health and fire hazard. Properly managed garbage disposal system is needed. Water is important for health and piped water is a requirement. Usage of motorcycle in township should be allowed if possible in order to ease the travel of locals who are mostly at the grass root level.

Ko Pho Phyu (Kawhmu Township, Yangon Region)

Agriculture is central in Ka-



U Tin Tun



U Mya Thein



U Aye Thein



U Kalar

whmu. Development in agriculture and educating the farmer is the main thing need to done. Rule of law is also poor. Because it is a poor township, there are no factories and industries. People work in other region or abroad due to lack of job in the township. If jobs are created in the township, we can work without living apart from our families. I believe the elected representative will look into these matters.

Ko Moe Min Zaw (Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Region)

Our township needs a proper car parking system. A five storey building had about 10 cars and there isn't enough parking place available. This problem needs to be solved. It is understandable that



Ko Tin Min Oo



Ko Pho Phyu



U Htein Lin



Daw Myint Myint San

there will be road side seller. But in some streets the vendors are blocking up the road and there isn't even enough space to walk. Proper place should be allocated for them.

U Aye Thein (Hline Township, Yangon Region)

Even the side roads in our township are good. But the problem is the drain. Because of blocked drain there are more mosquitoes than in the past. This is not good for health. This matter should be looked into urgently.

U Htain Lin (Dagon Myothit) Seikkan Township No 94th Ward, Yuzana Housing Estate

We cast votes in favour of our trustworthy candidate. We hope for the betterment of all. We ex-



Ko Maung Gyi

pect for our elected Hluttaw representative to fulfill the needs of people, such as building roads and sewage canals and etc.,. It is enough for all of us if we can live in peace and stability.

Daw Su Su Naing (dependent) (Kamayut township, No 1st ward, Aung Hla Yeiktha Street)

Primarily, we want commodity prices to be adjusted. It is necessary for our representative to listen to needs and voices of the people so that they can serve the benefits of the people. Thus, they will become the people who will coincide with our beliefs. For the time being, we want commodity prices slump down. Performances and deeds of our Hluttaw representatives are concerned not only with us but also with the lives of future generations, hence the hope for much progress more than now.

U Kalar (Dagon Myothit) (Seikkan Township, 94th ward, C 14th road)

Being the one for the country, a Hluttaw representative is a good one. But, it will be better if they can create job opportunities for the grass-root people, thence if they can make better communication, it will be better for us. We dutifully cast votes for. The representatives are responsible to serve the people, in turn.

Daw Myint Myint San (seller) (Ahlon Township) Sinmin Quarter, Sinyaykan Street

We want our elected representatives to fulfill the needs of the people from their respective constituencies, by observing and listening to their voices. We believe they will know more than us. Now, in our ward, there are sewage canals being enlarged. Further parts of the town needed to enlarge canals need to be done.

Presently, commodity prices are rising up. We, being sellers, know more than others, as regards prices. If prices are continuing to rise up like this, it will be very difficult for us. We want commodity prices to be adjusted to the considerable extent.

TOGETHER WITH THE PEOPLE

Acknowledgement of People's Contribution to the Peace Fund—Union Peace Conference - 21st Century Panglong 3rd April 2017

1. The Union Government has been exerting concerted efforts for the successful implementation of the Union Peace Conference – 21st Century Panglong, with the intention of solving political problems through political means through negotiations. In performing the tasks of the peace process, for smooth and successful implementation, needed funds were sought from within the country. A Bank Account SF-004048 for the Peace Fund was opened at the Myanma Economic Bank, Nay Pyi Taw branch on 9 January 2017 to enable national ethnic races and Union citizens who love peace to make donations as much as they could. Similarly, for those who wish to donate in cash to be able to contribute easily, a current account CF-003434 was opened at the Myanma Economic Bank, Nay Pyi Taw branch to accept donations in cash.

2. To our great surprise and rejoicing, in expressing the desires for the long-hoped peace, the ethnic national races and Union citizens contributed their donations to the Peace Fund from the opening date of the Bank Account till 20th March 2017, amounting to Ks. 13947784775 (Ks. 13.948 billion) in total. It has been found that individuals across the nation contributed to the fund, as far as they could from their meager hard earned incomes—K 1000, K 5000, K 10000 etc. Just as there have been people who donated kyats in billions and money donated in small amounts as much as they could, we have been greatly pleased and overjoyed to know that the public has participated, supported and provided assistance to the peace process to such an extent that we have found it impossible to set a value on their deeds.

3. This shows how much our people yearn for national reconciliation and peace, by looking at the donations of the people across the nation. This has strengthened our firm resolve and determination for the success of the peace process under implementation. We express our deepest thanks for the support and assistance of all Union citizens and hereby issue this statement that we will strive harder for the success of Peace Process in Myanmar.

National Reconciliation and Peace Center

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission

Notification

Nay Pyi Taw, 3 April 2017

The by-elections for the vacant seats in Hluttaws was held on 1st April 2017 and all the candidates who competed in the by-elections shall have to submit the Election Expense Form 20 to Region or State Election Sub-Commissions within 30 days from the date the respective Region/State Election Sub-Commissions announced the name of the elected candidates according to the By-Law 77 of Hluttaw Election.

If the candidates who competed in the By-Election and their representatives fail to submit the Form 20, the candidates will be announced as disqualified in accordance with Election By-Law 84.

Therefore, the candidates and their representatives are hereby notified to submit their election expenses before the last date.

Union Election Commission

Correction

An announcement on page three of yesterday's Global New Light of Myanmar contained an error in the list of Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives. Dr Maung Maung, the National League for Democracy representative for No. 6 constituency in the Yangon Region, should have been listed as the third elected representative, not the fifth.

Also, in the list of State Hluttaw Representatives, U Khin Maung Win should have been included as the 7th representative of Nyaungshwe (1) constituency for the National League for Democracy.

Maungtaw man kidnapped by masked men

Numamauk, of Botali village in Maungtaw, Rakhine State, was asleep in his home on Friday night when seven people whose faces

were covered in black scarves broke into the house, pointed a dagger under his neck to silence him and kidnapped him, author-

ities said. The Kyainchuang Police Station is conducting an ongoing investigation.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Meeting for smooth investigations in Maungtaw and Buthidaung courts



Rakhine State Judge U Kyauk and other legal officials at the meeting.
PHOTO: RAMANYA, TIN SOE

FOR smoother and faster investigations with regard to adherence to the law concerning legal cases in Maungtaw District Court and Buthidaung Township Court, State Judge U Kyauk of

the Rakhine State Court and the Attorney General of the Rakhine State U Kyaw Hla Htun together with the officials held a meeting yesterday evening to discuss on the matter.

Afterwards they visited the suspects from different courts and discussed with concerned judges, legal experts and lawyers.—*Ramanya, Tin Soe*

Man stabbed to death in Maungtaw Township

A MAN from Myinlut in Maungtaw township was killed on Sunday and police arrested two men believed to be responsible for the murder.

At 8 pm on Sunday, Arnolwar Ashat, son of Mamad Init of the eastern ward of Myinlut town in Maungtaw township, went to a shop in Ward 5 together with Maung Tos and Baryu. When relatives received news that Arnolwar Ashat was dead, a search commenced.

He was found in a field with one stab wound under the left armpit, two cuts on his left arm,

and a stabbing injury to his right eye.

A suit was filed at the Alethankyaw police station against Maung Tos and Baryu, who police believe stabbed Arnolwar to death. An investigation is underway to apprehend Maung Tos and Baryu.

According to the State Counsellor Office's information committee, there were 23 innocent civilians killed and 10 missing in the violent armed attacks from October 9 to April 3, in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Thieves who stole battery and cables from telecom towers arrested

ACTING on a tip-off, local police led by Police Inspector Aung Thin Oo searched a Probox taxi driven by Aung Zin Hein along with Phyo Kyaw on board at a checkpoint near mile post 0/2 en route from Nay Pyi Taw to Yangon and seized 5 types of batteries, a 40-ft long cable, one fiber hat, one fiber box and other tools on Sunday.

After police interrogated

the two suspects, they confessed to having stolen the items from Oredoo and Telenor telecommunication towers between mile posts 85 and 90 on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway.

The two suspects were handed over to Phado Police Station and necessary action has been taken against them in accord with the law.—*Than Oo (Laymyethna)*

Hope from by election

Daw Hsu Mon Kyaw, a local resident of Kengtung, Shan State, was interviewed on her opinion concerning the recent April by-election. "The by-election was held in Kengtung Township constituency (2) after the Regional Hluttaw Representative elected in 2015 passed away," she answered.

"Of course all the candidates who participated in the by-election promised to work towards regional development, and the elected U Samuel Shan from the Union Solidarity and Development Party is no different.

I think the elected representative will try hard for the region's benefit since he got elected because the majority of the voters believed in him."

When asked if the local residents were interested in the by-election she replied, "There are people who are interested as well as those who not so concerned. A survey from Kengtung Commission stated that only 50 per cent of eligible voters cast their votes, meaning only half the people had any interest."

"I think there is some significance from the result of the by-election since people have immediate access to results from the voting booths and its everywhere

on social media too so I think there is significance to it." When asked about her thoughts on the election campaign, "A lot of the political parties conducted campaigns, some even held talk circles. I feel whoever got elected will work for the regional development since that seems to be the common agenda of all the candidates."

"The primary focus in Kengtung was whether the NLD or the USDP will win. People were most interested in these two parties." When asked on whether election in the constituency was based on party image or the candidate's image she answered, "Most of the local residents here honest and simple so I do see that they vote for the party if there is good persuasion.

For us, we have no preference towards any political party or person but rather which candidate can best support the region and its development so for me I would say I voted for the person. I think the candidate won because there was trust for the candidate."

When asked about her thoughts on the 2020 election Daw Hsu Mon Kyaw replied, "The people are more experienced when it comes to elections so in the 2020 elections I think everyone will carefully consider the different op-

tions and choose the party that can best fulfill the needs of the people."

"The recent by-election was not so distant from the 2015 elections and voter education is more widespread so I think there will be free and transparent performances from the elected candidates."

—Ar Byae (alias) U Aye Maung



Ko Zaw Latt.

Ko Zaw Latt, Mongshu

The by-election was free and fair and was systematic. We are sure that the representative we elected would make effort for the development of our region.

The result has shown that local Shan ethnic people elected the representative from the Shan Nationalities League for Democracy. — Interview by Khet Khet Lwin

Voice from U Sai Aung Kyaw of the SNLD, elected representative from Kehsi Constituency in the 2017-by election

I am overjoyed to have the opportunity to fulfill the people's interests and wishes. Of the 55,000 eligible voters, 26,674 cast their votes. This is because there is little knowledge and value for the importance of a vote, and elderly people don't want to travel the 4-5 mile trip to the voting booth.

I believe they voted for us because they trust the policy of our political party and the skills of the elected representative. Moving forward as a representative of the people, we will have to do all in our power to fulfill the wishes submitted by the people.

What this region sorely needs is catching up with modern times and developing



U Sai Aung Kyaw.

thinking skills.

We are political allies, so I believe they will strive for the benefit of the country in their own way. I feel satisfied and would like to thank everyone who supported me thus far. —Keshi (IPRD)

Oway Ride on-demand service to be expanded in big cities

OWAY Company Ltd, a local travel company, plans to extend its on-demand service not only in Yangon and Mandalay but in other big cities, according to the company.

The company has launched the first personal on-demand service since March of last year, with a fleet of 2,000 cars operating in the commercial hub Yangon. In Mandalay, the company operates its service with 500

cars. The on-demand service application called Oway Ride, which can be used in both Myanmar and English languages, offers round-the-clock service to commuters.

The app can help users find a driver and taxi car easily. The fare is automatically calculated. Fare calculation is based on kilometres travelled. Both driver and customer see the fare on their respective apps.—200

400 war victims in Nawnghkio Township return to their homes

ABOUT 400 war victims in Nawnghkio Township in northern Shan State returned to their homes after being forced to flee on Saturday, leaving about 80 victims in temporary shelters opened in downtown Nawnghkio.

After negotiation with authorities, they were granted per-

mission to return their homes with the help of social organisations after the situation in the war zone stabilised, said Nang Su Chit Pone from the Nawnghkio Myitta Young Philanthropic Group.

The returnees are from Naungkwan, Khehsan, Seikphu and Konson villages in Pintee

village-tract near war-torn Panpalut Village.

The authorities and civil society organisations put forth continuous efforts to return the remaining victims to their homes as quickly as possible. The remaining victims are waiting for contact from their relatives.—Myitmakha News Agency



Min Maung seen with seized heroin blocks PHOTO: MPF

Heroin blocks seized in Thabeikkyin Township

FIFTY-FOUR blocks of heroin weighing 636 grams were seized by local authorities in Thabeikkyin Township on Sunday. The heroin was discovered by a local anti-drugs squad from PyinOoLwin on a motorbike driven by Min Maung on Momeik-Thwin Nge Road in Taung Hle Village, Thabeikkyin Township on 2nd April.

Legal action has been taken against the suspect under the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Myanmar Police Force

One dead in Ygn-Mdy Highway accident

THE driver of a black Toyota was killed yesterday after he hit the road-divider, causing his car to overturn on the opposite side of the road as a result of falling asleep at the wheel while en route from Nay Pyi Taw to Yangon between milepost 6/4 and 6/5 at 7:15 am on the Yangon-Mandalay Highway.

The driver, Htet Wai Lin, was seriously injured and died

while en route to the hospital. A passenger in the vehicle suffered minor injuries. The victims were taken to Hlegu Hospital by police vehicle.

As of March, a total of 57 accidents were reported on the Yangon-Mandalay Highway, according to the highway police stations. Of those accidents, 13 died and 98 were injured.—Than Oo (Lemyethna)



Highway police inspects overturned Toyota on Ygn-Mdy highway. PHOTO: MPF

LOCAL Business

Dry ports to be constructed in Ywathagyi and Myitnge

MYANMA Railways under the Ministry of Transport and Communication and Kerry Logistics Network Co., Ltd & Resource Group Logistics Co., Ltd. signed a land lease agreement at the Park Royal Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday to construct a dry port under the Build, Operate, Transfer (BOT) system. Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung said this signing ceremony was held because the Myanmar Investment Commission permitted the construction of a Dry Port on 80 acres of land owned by Myanmar Railways in Ywathagyi, Yangon Region and 75.1 acres of land in Myitnge, Mandalay Region.

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) were solicited from foreign investors for the construction of a dry port, and, after a transparent selection process held according to international tender norms, Singapore-based Kerry Logistics Network Co., Ltd and Myanmar citizen-owned Resources Group Logistics

Co., Ltd. were announced as tender winners on 10 January, 2016.

After a number of discussions between Myanmar Railways and the two companies, a BOT agreement and land lease agreement was prepared, according to the Union Attorney General's office and the Myanmar Investment Commission.

Myanmar Railways Managing Director U Thurein Win, Kerry Logistics Network Co. Ltd Chairman Mr. George Yong and Resources Group Logistic Company Chairman U Maung Kyay signed and exchanged copies of the agreement in the presence of the Union Minister.—Myanmar News Agency



Myanmar Railways Managing Director U Thurein Win and Kerry Logistics Network Co. Ltd Chairman Mr. George Yong exchanging the agreements. PHOTO: MNA

Value-added project on agro products to be conducted by Japan's assistance

THE Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation has a plan to increase profitability by adding value to farm products with the assistance of Japan, said its Union Minister Dr Aung Thu.

In a bid to introduce Myanmar's agro products into the market, he added.

Japan will help add value to raw agricultural products under the five-year project. The ministry will concentrate on boosting production boost and improving the technical side to save costs for pedigree crops production, he continued.

During the incumbent

government's period, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation is increasing cultivation loans to the farmers and distribution of pedigree seeds. Additionally, they have already set up hotline for enquiries about the agro industry. —Myat Thura (AMIA)

No. 14 Heavy Industry (Thagaya) to make joint venture with local, foreign businesses

No. 14 Heavy Industry (Thagaya) under the Ministry of Industry is intended to cooperate with local and foreign entrepreneurs as Public Private Partnerships (PPP).

Previously, there were 118 industries and workshops under the Industry Ministry. The ministry invited Expressions of Interest (EOI) for cooperation and it is building PPPs with 59 factories.

Another 17 are being scrutinised for tender and only 42 are left, it is learnt.

The Joint Bill Committee proposed to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to suspend 44 non-profit making industry projects under two ministries — the Ministry of Industry and the Electric Power and Energy Ministry in the next fiscal year 2017-2018.

Out of the state-

owned industries, non-profit making factories will come to halt and the staff engaged in those industries will be paid for lay-offs if they shift to private businesses.

The authorities are planning to make civil staff under those factories not suffer from redundancy. Those 55 year of age with at least 30 years service will be granted pension. —200

Pea exports fetched over US\$1.3billion as of mid March

VARIOUS peas export hit over 1.3million tonnes as of mid March in the current fiscal year, fetching over US\$1.3billion, according to the Commerce Ministry.

Rice is the main item of agricultural export, followed by pea exports in second place. Ninety per cent of pea production is

exported to foreign countries, it is learnt.

The mung bean export market is mainly dependent on India's demand. The price of mung bean declined at harvest time resulting from low demand from India, whereas it raised its head again in early March with high de-

mand.

The price of mung bean slipped to Ks110,400 per tonne from Ks113,200 a tonne in the last week of March. Similarly, the price of pigeon peas decreased by over Ks40,000 a tonne, according to the Bayintnaung commodity depot.—Ko Htet

YSX attained highest stock trading value in March

THE Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) achieved its highest stock trading value of over US\$3.3billion in March over the past three months, according to the trading data of YSX.

With the debut of First Private Bank (FPB) on YSX, stock trading in January and February reached over Ks6billion.

First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB) and FPB are currently trading their shares at YSX.

During last year, the

monthly stock trading values by FMI on YSX were Ks 24,714,431,000 in March and Ks5,867,897,500 in April. With MTSH entering YSX on 20th May, stock trading values of FMI and MTSH amounted to Ks 16,216,528,500 in May and Ks 6,895,863,000 in June and Ks 3,732,548,500 in July respectively.

After MCB listed on YSX, the monthly stock trading values were Ks2,907,600,800 in August, Ks 2,482,949,200 in September, Ks 4,027,821,700 in October and Ks 2,213,328,400

in November. YSX stock trading in December hit all-time low with the trading value of only Ks1.5billion this year, it is learnt from monthly report of YSX. A total of 7,222 shares worth Ks 68,694,700 were traded on 3rd April 2017, with trading volumes of 973 shares from FMI, 5,202 shares from MTSH and 1,047 shares from FPB while MCB hit zero trading. The share prices are Ks16,000 for FMI, Ks4,100 for MTSH, Ks9,000 for MCB and Ks31,500 for FPB at the closing time. —Ko Khant

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- City Mart (FMI)
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- City Mart (Junction Maw Tin)
- City Mart (Sule Square)
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Philippines' Duterte says he would kill drug dealers to protect children

MANILA — Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte told school children on Monday he would not hesitate to kill to protect them from the scourge of drugs and encouraged them to enlist in the army to defend the country from its enemies.

Speaking during a Boys Scouts' ceremony at the presidential palace, Duterte did not mince words, saying he would kill dealers "if you touch our children".

Duterte has repeatedly rebuffed international criticism about his bloody war on drugs, during which more than 8,000 people have been killed since he took power on 30 June last year.

Police have taken responsibility for a third of those deaths, citing



Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte. Photo: Reuters

self-defence during anti-narcotics operations.

Duterte also said he planned to restore basic military training in universities to instill discipline, stepping up government's crackdown on narcotics.

"I need soldiers, I need boy scouts. Who wants to become soldiers?" he asked. "I am

counting on you, are you ready? Answer me, children. Always love your country."

Duterte said the country had become too libertarian as the youth reject the boy scouts and military training programme and embrace alcohol, street brawls and drugs. — Reuters

Thai king to sign new constitution this week

BANGKOK — Thailand's King Maha Vajiralongkorn will sign a new constitution on Thursday, the palace said, an essential step towards holding a general election the military government has promised to restore democratic rule after a 2014 coup.

Thais approved the long-awaited constitution at a referendum last August, but the palace requested changes in January after the king took over from his late father.

One of the changes was to allow the king to travel abroad without appointing a regent. Other changes, made by the junta and the military-appointed assembly at the request of the palace, have not yet been made public.

The palace said the constitution would be signed at a ceremony on Thursday, an annual public holiday marking the establishment of the current Chakri dynasty 235



A woman walks past a portrait of Thailand's King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun at a department store in central Bangkok, Thailand on 13 January, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

years ago. Publication in the Royal Gazette is expected the same day and it will then become law. It will be the 20th constitution since the end of absolute monarchy in 1932.

King Maha Vajiralong-

korn, also known as King Rama X of the Chakri dynasty, ascended the throne in December following the death of his father, King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who reigned for more than 70 years. —Reuters

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Indonesia sinks scores more boats in war on illegal fishing

JAKARTA, — Indonesia destroyed 81 mostly foreign boats at the weekend that had been caught illegally fishing in its waters, taking to more than 300 the number sunk since President Joko Widodo launched a battle against the poaching of fish in 2014.

The Southeast Asian country has some of the world's richest fishing grounds, but authorities have struggled to prevent trawlers, often from Asian neighbours, from making incursions into the seas around the vast archipelago.

Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Minister Susi Pudjiastuti said she hoped the sinking of the ships would be a deterrent for perpetrators of illegal trawling.

"We hope that Sino is a symbol of our victory over fish poaching," Pudjiastuti said in a statement, referring to one of the ships sunk, after having wit-

nessed two vessels being destroyed in Ambon in eastern Indonesia.

Boats were sunk in 12 different locations around Indonesia on Saturday, the ministry said in its statement.

The tougher policy on illegal fishing has at times

caused tension with neighbours. Last year, a Chinese coast guard vessel intervened when Indonesia attempted to detain a Chinese vessel for fishing illegally in waters near the contested South China Sea.

In 2014, Indonesia estimated that illegal fishing

was costing it 101 trillion rupiah (\$7.58 billion) a year.

Since October 2014, Indonesia has destroyed 317 ships, the bulk of them from neighbouring countries such as Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam, according to the statement. —Reuters



Indonesian policemen stand on a boat as the government destroyed foreign boats that had been caught illegally fishing in Indonesian waters, near Medan on 1 April 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

Delhi Chief Minister challenges Election Commission over tampering of electronic voting machines

NEW DELHI — Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday reiterated his allegations of tampering of electronic voting machines (EVM) through sophisticated software to rig polls and challenged the country's independent Election Commission of proving it too.

"We urge the Election Commission to reveal the EVM software to the country. Give us an EVM and we will prove tampering," Kejriwal, also the chief of Delhi's ruling anti-graft Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), told the media. The former civil servant-turned-politician's allegations came follow-

ing reports that a test of an EVM in the central state of Madhya Pradesh appeared to show it printing out votes for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) regardless of what button was pressed.

The Election Commission has already transferred two top officials in

the state over the apparent mistakes made by the EVM in Madhya Pradesh, where by-elections will be held for parliamentary seats, and said it was sending more officials from Delhi to oversee the vote. In fact, the problem came to the fore in a video widely circulated on social media in India. —Xinhua

Moon elected as S Korea opposition party's presidential candidate

SEOUL — South Korea's largest opposition party on Monday chose Moon Jae-in as its presidential candidate, with the frontrunner declaring he will "put an end to the era of division and conflict" if he wins the 9 May election.

Moon, of the Democratic Party of Korea, won a combined 57 per cent of some 1.4 million votes cast, followed by South Chungcheong Province Governor Ahn Hee jung with 21.5 per cent and Seongnam City Mayor Lee Jae myung with 21.2 per cent.

The in-house race also involved Goyang City Mayor Choi sung.

Moon, a former human rights lawyer and close aide

to the late President Roh Moo hyun, also ran in the 2012 presidential election, in which he was defeated by Park Geun hye of the Saenuri Party, which has since been renamed as the Liberty Korea Party.

In his acceptance speech, Moon pledged to bring together the country, which has been divided over a corruption and abuse-of-power scandal in recent months that led to Park's impeachment and ouster. She was arrested last Friday over the case.

"The way of dividing the people into the left and the right or into the conservative and the liberal should be thrown into a garbage bucket," Moon said.

The candidate also

advocates restoration of inter-Korean dialogue and cooperation.

The presidential election is heavily tilted toward opposition parties in the wake of the scandal.

The second largest opposition party People's Party is set to select its presidential candidate on Tuesday, with its co-founder Rep Ahn Cheol soo widely expected to emerge as the winner. Other nominated candidates include South Gyeongsang Province Governor Hong Joon pyo of the Liberty Korea Party, Rep Yoo Seong min from the conservative splinter Bareun Party and Rep Sim Sang jung of the minor progressive Justice Party. —Kyodo News



Moon Jae-in reacts after winning the nomination as a presidential candidate of the Minjoo Party, during a national convention, in Seoul, South Korea on 3 April, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

Japan, China to mull Abe-Xi talks at high-level meeting this week

TOKYO — Japanese and Chinese senior foreign affairs officials will meet in Tokyo this week, the Foreign Ministry said Monday, with an eye to realizing talks between Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and President Xi Jinping in July.

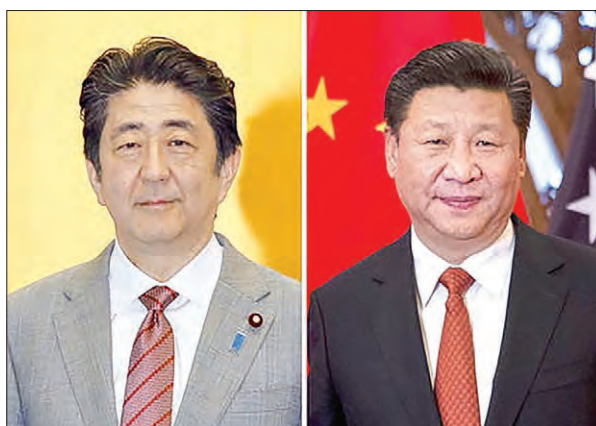
Behind the move is Tokyo's desire to go hand-in-hand with Beijing in arresting North Korea's nuclear and missile development, which it believes has reached "a new level of threat," diplomatic sources told Kyodo News.

Kong Xuanyou, China's assistant foreign minister who is considered a major candidate to be the next ambassador to Japan, will visit Japan from Monday to Wednesday and meet Takeo Akiba, deputy foreign minister for political affairs, the ministry said.

The two sides will discuss how to steer strained bilateral relations and a possible meeting between Abe and Xi on the margins of a summit of Group of 20 major economies in Hamburg, Germany on 7-8 July.

Akiba and Kong are also seen exchanging views on when to convene a trilateral summit between Japan, China and South Korea, which Tokyo is scheduled to chair, and a possible visit to Japan by Chinese Premier Li Keqiang.

Abe and Xi last met in Lima, Peru in November, when they agreed that greater efforts should be made to improve relations as the two countries mark the 45th anniversary of the



Undated combined photo shows Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (L) and Chinese President Xi Jinping. Kong Xuanyou, China's assistant foreign minister and considered a major candidate to be the next ambassador to Japan, is scheduled to visit Japan for three days from 3 April, 2017, and meet Takeo Akiba, Japan's deputy foreign minister for political affairs, with an eye to realizing talks between Abe and Xi in July. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

normalization of diplomatic ties in the fall of this year.

Abe wants to take advantage of the milestone to eventually hold a bilateral summit either in Japan or China so as to impress on the world that relations between the two neighbours have made strides.

But it remains to be seen whether Abe's scenario will materialize due to a territorial spat over the Japanese-controlled Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea. On the North Korean nuclear and missile issue, Akiba and Kong are likely to confirm bilateral cooperation in preventing Pyongyang from taking any provocative action, based on the Chinese official's talks with the reclusive country's Vice Foreign Minister Ri Kil Song

in Beijing on 1 March, the sources said.

Since 2006, North Korea has carried out five nuclear tests along with numerous ballistic missile tests. Another nuclear test or an intercontinental ballistic missile test could be on the cards.

A Japan hand in the Chinese Foreign Ministry, Kong is responsible for Japan policy under Foreign Minister Wang Yi. If he makes the trip as planned, it will be his first visit to Japan since he attended vice foreign ministerial talks in February last year.

Japanese Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Koichi Hagiuda met Kong in China in mid-March and affirmed the need to deal squarely with outstanding bilateral issues. —Kyodo News

Philippine soldiers kill 'more than 10' militants in bid to free captives

MANILA — Philippine soldiers killed "more than 10" Islamic State-linked Abu Sayyaf militants in an attempt to free Vietnamese captives held on a remote southern island as troops fired howitzer shells on rebel positions, an army general said on Monday.

The small but violent militant group, known for extortion, beheading and kidnap-for-ransom activities, is holding more than two dozen captives on Jolo

island. It beheaded a German captive two months ago when no ransom was paid for his release.

Major-General Carlito Galvez, military commander of western Mindanao, said 32 soldiers were also wounded in Sunday's assault on an Abu Sayyaf hideout in Talipao town, where the militants were believed to be holding six Vietnamese captives. "The 105mm howitzer directly hit enemy positions," Galvez told re-

porters, saying four rounds were fired when advancing troops were pinned down.

"More than 10 were killed. Our troops had discovered mangled bodies in the area, but we continue to pursue them."

There was no word on the fate of the captives. Four of the wounded soldiers were airlifted to a hospital while 28, among them a battalion commander, had minor shrapnel wounds from grenade blasts.—Reuters

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The power of truth and cetana

Kyaw Myaing

TRUTH has power like no other. In relations with family members, with friends, with colleagues or with members of the local community, honesty is always the best policy. In Myanmar, the term "nga bar thila" is a very well-known term. As Myanmar is a predominantly Buddhist country, the monks who are the "sons of the Buddha" teach all Buddhists who come to their monasteries to keep "the Five Precepts". In Myanmar, this is the basis for morality and good conduct for all good Buddhists. In the Burmese language "nga" means "five" and "thila" means "precepts".

In Pali this term is called "pyinsa sila" which means the Five Precepts. It may be interesting to note that this same term is called "Pancha Sila" in Indonesia.

The Buddha has taught us to abstain from killing, telling lies, stealing, taking intoxicating drinks or drugs, and committing adultery. In Buddhism these are not commandments but guidance from the Buddha

for his followers. Not telling lies means telling the truth. Telling the truth means being sincere in your dealings with others.

The Sayadaws or Abbots who are head of the village monasteries or any monastery in the towns and cities teach their followers to keep the five precepts on a continuous basis. To give an example, the sayadaws tell us "you should keep the precepts in the same way as you would wear your longyi." In the Burmese language the longyi is also called a "pasoe". So the actual phrase means that men should keep the five precepts in the same way that they would wear their "pasoes". Here, it should be obvious that both men and women should keep the five precepts.

Cetana is a Burmese word which does not have an equivalent in English. According to Myanmar Buddhist tradition "cetana" means the first thoughts that occur in a person's mind when this person is about to do a good deed or a bad deed. In the case of a good deed it is called "kutho kan cet-

ana". Here the word "kutho" means good deed. The word "kan" means action. So it may be remembered that "cetana" is the thought that occurs in a person's mind before he or she takes an action good or bad.

In the opinion of this writer, "truth and cetana" are very important in diplomacy as well as in peace negotiations. For successful negotiations, it is always a good policy to be honest and sincere. Another important ingredient for conducting successful negotiations is of course having "cetana".

In English, the Burmese word "cetana" may be roughly translated as "good will" or "good intentions". A person who is honest, sincere and has good "cetana" shows his good will and good intentions on his face. He shows it in his calm manners and pleasant demeanor. He can look across the negotiating table straight into the eyes of the leader of the delegation which whom he is negotiating. On the other hand a person who does not understand the value of "truth" and "cetana"

would try to use unscrupulous means to get what he wants.

However in the west the following quotation became quite well known among diplomats "An ambassador is an honest gentleman sent to lie abroad for the good of his country." (Sir Henry Wotton). To take this sentence in a good sense, we may understand that this is a pun on the word "lie". To lie abroad also means to stay in a foreign country.

At a time when Myanmar is preparing for peace negotiations with the ethnic armed groups who live in the various states, a winning strategy to get all ethnic armed groups to sign the NCA – Nationwide Cease-fire Agreement is for both sides to go to the negotiating table with good will and good intentions by putting aside petty differences and negotiate with "truth and cetana" for the good of our country. Having frank, open and sincere discussions can go a long way to create the right conditions for gaining trust and confidence. Let us give Peace a chance.

Achieving peace and stability in Myanmar

Arakan Sein

IN the past few days, newspapers and journals have been covered with news reports of peace process, national reconciliation, peace and stability; the President's message to the 43rd Anniversary of the Mon State Day, the State Counsellor's message to the Academy Awards Ceremony for 2016 and her telecast speech to all the people of the Union and the Commander-in-Chief's address at the 72nd Anniversary of Armed Forces Day contained a lot of pledges to achieve peace and stability in the country. Furthermore, the State Counsellor personally visited Myitkyina, in Kachin State, one of the war-torn regions in Myanmar and requested Kachin people to unite in securing peace and stability as the incumbent NLD-led government has made the peace process a top priority.

One thing in the above messages is common: peace.

Let us have a look at the past and present situations of our country in the international community. Myanmar was once one of the wealthiest countries in Asia; but it is no longer in that position now. It is the poorest among the ASEAN Countries and it was ranked 114 according to the World Hap-

piness Report 2017 which covered 155 countries from around the world and produced by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), a global initiative launched by the United Nations in 2012. But surprisingly, Myanmar has stood above the United States for three consecutive years in terms of generosity and donation. These results have made us totally confused; but we can draw a conclusion from above the examples that we have an outstanding characteristic, for better or worse. These occurrences led me think better of our Myanmar people who are greatly in need of a healthy and strong leadership. The NLD-led Government, which took power on 30 March 2016, has strived to be a government of national reconciliation by trying to end one of the world's long-running civil wars in the world. After all, the central government in Myanmar and ethnic armed groups have been at war since independence from the British in 1948.

The incumbent Government inherited a peace process by the name of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) from the previous government which initiated the NCA with armed group negotiated teams on 31 March, 2015. The NCA contains basic princi-

ples recognizing the territorial integrity of the State (making clear that separation is unacceptable) committing to principles of democracy and federalism and embracing the diversity of the peoples and cultures in a secular state.

Eight ethnic groups signed the NCA in October, 2015 but at least ten other groups have reservations. Soon after the telecast address by the State Counsellor on 30 March, 2017 five member groups of United Nationalities Federal Council—Karen National Progressive Party (KNPP), New Mon State Party (NMSP), Arakan National Council (ANC), Lahu Democratic Union (LDU) and Wa National Organization—disclosed that they would sign the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.

Among the groups which expressed their reservations about the offer is the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) which has steadfastly refused to sign the NCA nor to participate in the peace talks.

The State Counsellor made a telecast address to the nation on 30 March, 2017 focusing on the Government's performances during the tenure of a year period. She said that the NLD-led Government is composed of not only of the NLD faithful but includes representatives from various par-

ties. She is firmly confident that the leaders have the wisdom and capability to choose the right path in fulfilling the needs of their country. That is why she believes that she is hopeful and optimistic for the success of the Second Panglong Conference. The 21st Century Panglong is being implemented by the Union Government under the influence of the State Counsellor's domestic political stature, huge election mandate and strong international backing. If Myanmar gains a nationwide peace agreement between ethnic armed groups and the incumbent government, then it would be the biggest success in ASEAN for a generation. In addition, National Security Advisor U Thaung Tun pointed out that Myanmar is one of the fastest growing economies in the world with a forecasted growth rate of 7 per cent a year. The NLD-led Pyidaungsu, Amyotha and Pyithu Hluttaws should remove the outdated laws and the military and other security forces, the defenders of independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, are urged to show greater tolerance of public criticism and protest to deal with the inevitable pressures that come with democratization.

There are still a lot of challenges to stability: authoritarian

traditions, diverse cultures and religions. At the same time the Government will have to create a decent living standard for the entire population. Narcotraffickings and drug addiction are a cause for concern for continued warfare between the army and the armed ethnic groups along Myanmar's borders with China and Thailand. A recent communal violence in the Maungdaw region is also a cause for concern. That would be to the detriment of peace and stability in the border areas with our good neighbour Bangladesh.

If so, one might ask whether we are going to achieve peace and stability in our country. I would say the country is now closer to resolving its armed conflicts than at any time since independence. The State Counsellor said in her telecast address that neither the people nor the Government acting alone can bring about change and transformation. The Government has the duty to lead and the people will have to follow shouting in unison in accordance with the new slogan "TOGETHER WITH THE PEOPLE" to achieve national reconciliation. Only when peace and stability is achieved, then we can move on to the next stage of progress and prosperity.

Dry Ports, essentials for Myanmar

Ba Khet Zan

“Dry port” is a term with which Myanmar has not been much familiar, but many of the countries in the world including Myanmar’s neighbouring countries have been engaged in the business for long.

According to Wikipedia, a dry port is “an inland intermodal terminal directly connected by road or rail to a seaport and operating as a centre for the transshipment of sea cargo to inland destinations.”

Among many others things the services provided in a dry port include loading and unloading, storing and checking of cargoes, and carrying out Customs procedures. A dry port located on an inland area is a hub for doing business such as administration and management works for different modes of transportation.

A dry port can serve as a place through which cargoes can be transported, no need for traders to gain access to seaports. Like seaports and airports, all services are available at a dry port. If goods are to be transported to a destination of more than 300 kilometers train route should be used, but it is better to use cars for a short distance.

There are many advantages of using train route over motor roads - less fuel consumption, mitigation in carbon emission so that less air pollution and hazardous effects of smokes, avoiding car accidents and traffic jams, less road maintenance cost, etc.

The future of dry port is bright as there may be difficult access to watercourse, and users see that transportation of goods by cars and trains is more beneficial to them.

Goods transportation may involve imports as well as exports, and thus it is important to make sure that when the cargo is passing through our country she must not be a bottleneck.

The followings are the reasons why Myanmar needs to build dry ports:

- To uplift trade and transporta-



A worksite at a dry port which is linked with rail route.

- tion sector
- To gain benefits from economic development
- To grab good opportunities as Myanmar’s location shows a strategic importance and it serves as a focal point of Asia
- To develop maritime trade and to promote trade with neighbouring countries
- To achieve opportunities from Greater Mekong Sub-region as Myanmar is a hub of the region and linking China, South China and South East Asia as a bridge
- To take opportunities from the business of cargo transporting, delivering, receiving and transporting goods by trains as Myanmar lies at the center for trading between China and India
- To link inland and seaports with the aim of exporting and importing goods in containers
- To contribute to container service for ensuring effective goods transportation
- To reduce the paperwork at seaports
- To promote trade by cooperating with the third party logistics
- To provide cool chain logistic service as there are high demand for trans-border service through cool storage for

- vegetables, fruits and marine products
- To make logistical arrangements in transforming Myanmar’s economy into the market economy
- Dry ports can handle all size of cargoes by providing services as in airports and seaports, and as they are located in inland area the following services are available at the dry ports:
- Arrangements for loading and unloading of containers plus goods storage sheds
- To put goods into containers and to take out from them
- To make arrangement for transporting and storing bulky items
- To provide customs duty service and issue customs clearance
- To provide services of minor repairs for containers
- To provide door-to-door service for goods and guarantee goods security
- To provide banking, insurance and financial services
- Dry ports produce the following benefits:
- Like special economic zones, dry ports contribute much to big international businesses
- Dry ports as a transit can be used as a centre from where cargoes can be transported

- through highways
- Customs clearance works can be conducted near the production and delivery division of the dry port
- Reducing the risk of damages and loss
- No need to carry out custom procedures at seaports
- Reducing the cost of removing empty containers
- Reducing transportation cost
- Reducing cost of preparing for bill of landing
- Expanding trade route among nations
- As Myanmar is a member of ASEAN, she is committed to forming ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) together with other fellow members in 2015. For such a time at this, building dry ports, establishing related works in these facilities and starting containerization are fulcras of free flow of goods. Therefore, it can be deduced from the fact that flourishing of dry ports and carrying goods by train is a must to help make a robust economy and transport service of Myanmar.
- Myanmar is a party to the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports in the Asia-Pacific region which was signed on 7 November 2013. It was concluded under the auspices of the United Nations Economic and Social

Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP). According to this agreement Myanmar submitted a list of possible eight areas for building dry ports – Yangon, Mandalay, Tamu, Muse, Mawlamyine, Bago, Monywa and Pyay.

General characteristics of a dry port to be built in Myanmar are defined as follows:

- a dry port should be located near hinterland cities or near the capital cities of states or regions;
- it must be built on Asian Highways or Trans Asian Railway;
- it must be a centre for producing and consuming and must have easy access to motor roads or railroads;
- it must be located at the place from which goods are transported to other dry ports, border gates and border areas, customs offices, railway stations, checkpoints, seaports, warehouses of inland water transport and airports are included in the basic principle of the agreement.

With this end in view, eight cities are designated to host dry ports as they are appropriate to build the facilities in Myanmar. Myanma Railways under the Ministry of Transport and Communications is endeavouring to build dry ports in addition to running container trains on Yangon-Mandalay railroad. It also plans to link railroads and ports in Yangon and Thilawa.

Now, arrangements are being made to implement dry port projects in Ywathargyi in Yangon Region and Myitnge in Mandalay Region with the approval of the government. It is sure that dry ports will contribute much to national development through increase in international trade as well as domestic transportation and logistics services.

It is a time to change from traditional way to a system in which state-of-the-art methods are applied in doing business for the country to keep abreast of the world countries.

MYANMAR GAZETTE Confirmation of heads of service organizations

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on the expiry of one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(1) U Naing Kyi Win	Director-General Agricultural Research Department Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
(2) Dr Than Htut	Director-General Food and Drug Administration Department Ministry of Health and Sports

U Myo Aye presents his credentials to Hungarian President

U Myo Aye, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Hungary, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr.János Áder, President of the Republic of Hungary on 27 March 2017, in Budapest.— *Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

Correction

Yesterday’s issue of the Global New Light of Myanmar contained the incorrect photo on page nine. The photo should have been of Pu Bawi Khing, Amyotha Hluttaw elected-MP of the constituency 3 of Chin State.

This is the correct picture of Pu Bawi Khing.— (Writer)



Britain will wait for final EU guidelines on Gibraltar — May's spokesman



LONDON — Britain will wait until the end of the month to find out what guidelines the other members of the European Union have agreed regarding issues such as Gibraltar, Prime Minister Theresa May's spokesman said on Monday.

The future of Gibraltar has become the first dispute of the exit talks since May filed the formal divorce papers, with the EU draft joint position saying any agreement on the British outpost on Spain's southern tip had been agreed between Spain and Britain.

"These are draft guidelines that were issued ... We will wait and see what is agreed by the 27 (EU countries)," the spokesman told reporters.

Britain's Brexit minister David Davis held a "friendly and constructive" meeting with

Spain's Foreign Minister Alfonso Dastis in Madrid on Monday as part of a pre-arranged visit, the spokesman added, during which he raised the issue of Gibraltar.

On Sunday a former leader of May's Conservative party, Michael Howard, said she would be prepared to go to war to defend the territory, as then prime minister Margaret Thatcher did with Argentina over the Falkland Islands 35 years ago.

May's spokesman said what Howard "was trying to establish was the resolve that we will have to protect the rights of Gibraltar and its sovereignty".

Asked if that would include ultimately sending a naval taskforce to protect Gibraltar as Britain did to the Falklands, he said: "That isn't going to happen." —Reuters

France's Fillon says would launch probe into Hollande if elected

PARIS — French presidential candidate Francois Fillon, an outsider to win after involvement in financial scandal, said on Monday he would order a parliamentary inquiry into allegations President Francois Hollande interfered in the justice system, if elected.

Once the frontrunner, the conservative former prime minister's poll ratings have slumped since allegations surfaced that he paid his wife and sons hundreds of thousands of euros of public money for minimal work.

Although some polls show his support recovering slightly with less than three weeks to the 23 April first round, he is well behind far-right leader Marine Le Pen and independent centrist Emmanuel Macron, who are tipped to go through to a 7 May run-off.

Fillon, 63, who is being investigated by magistrates over the jobs allegations and over a gift of expensive suits, insisted on his innocence.

"If I had the slightest doubt about my guilt I wouldn't be a candidate in the presidential election," he told BFM TV.

He said he was the victim of "manipulation" and believed his case was being closely followed "by the highest authorities".

He drew back from previous allegations that Hollande, a Socialist president who is not standing for a second term, had personally led a smear campaign against him. He said he could not prove this.

He said however that prosecutors should open an inquiry into allegations made in a book by two journalists from the satirical weekly *Le Canard Enchaîné* that Hollande had had judicial wiretaps that interested him sent to his office.

"Prosecutors should take up

this case. If they don't do so and if I am elected president, there will be a parliamentary commission of enquiry," Fillon said.

Hollande's office has rejected Fillon's accusations and denied interference in the justice system.

Fillon said that, given the investigations against him, there was "every chance" his own phone was tapped.

Fillon also said that Francois Baroin, a former finance minister, would be a "very good choice" for prime minister if he won election to the Elysee.

Investors are concerned the wave of frustration with political elites behind Britain's vote to leave the European Union and the election of Donald Trump in the United States could sweep Le Pen into power in France.

The National Front leader would take France out of the euro and hold a referendum on EU membership.

The latest poll, by Opinionway, showed Le Pen, with 25 per cent in the first round, one point ahead of Macron and six points ahead of Fillon.

It showed Macron would easily beat Le Pen in the run-off, but former Prime Minister Manuel Valls said last week he believed Le Pen's potential score was seriously under-rated.

Macron told *Le Monde* in an interview on Monday that Fillon and Socialist candidate Benoit Hamon were wrong to focus their attacks on him, when Le Pen was the real threat.

"Those who say Marine Le Pen can't win the second round are the same as those who said Trump could never win. We don't know what can happen if she is far ahead in the first round," he said.—Reuters

Merkel says migrants must respect tolerance, German laws

BERLIN — Chancellor Angela Merkel said refugees in Germany must respect tolerance, openness and freedom of religion, while senior members of her party called for a ban on foreign funding of mosques.

Merkel, who will seek a fourth term as chancellor in what is expected to be a tight election in September, has come under fire for allowing more than one million refugees to enter Germany over the past two years.

Interviewed by a Syrian journalist who came to Germany in 2015 and asked about what Germany was expecting from refugees, Merkel said in her weekly podcast:

"We expect the people who come to us to stick to our laws."

Merkel said it was paramount that new arrivals respected and understood the liberal values of modern Germany such as tolerance, openness, freedom of religion and freedom of opinion.

The centre-right leader urged Germans to show openness in return. "We know very few things about Syria, we know very few things about Iraq or African countries. And we must see this as an opportunity to learn more and experience more," she said.

Merkel's conservative Christian Democratic Union (CDU) party has lost support since her decision in 2015 to leave Germany's borders open for hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing the civil war in Syria and Iraq.

Immigration and security are set to be major issues in the



German Chancellor Angela Merkel takes part in a European People Party (EPP) summit in St Julian's, Malta on 30 March, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

election, in which the far-right, anti-immigrant Alternative for Germany (AfD) party is expected to enter parliament.

In an apparent attempt to address unease among traditional CDU voters over Merkel's migration policy, CDU deputy party leader Julia Kloeckner called for stricter rules for Islamic preachers and a ban on foreign funding of mosques, echoing comments by other senior CDU members in recent days.

Most of the four million Muslims living in Germany have a Turkish background and some mosques in Germany are financed by the Turkish government.

"An 'Islam law' can place the rights and duties of Muslims living in Germany on a new legal basis," Kloeckner told *Bild am Sonntag*.

Kloeckner also called for a public register that would list all

mosques in Germany and provide background information on sponsors and financiers.

Such rules should also include a right to a Muslim religious counsellor in prisons, hospitals and nursing homes, she added.

The CDU's coalition partner and rival party the SPD, whose new leader Martin Schulz will stand against Merkel in September's election, flatly rejected the idea.

"In my opinion, the proposals are hardly compatible with the German constitution," SPD deputy leader Olaf Scholz told the *Funke* media group, adding that a law could not only be made for a single religious community.

The chairman of the Islamic Council in Germany, Burhan Kesici, said the proposals were populist and put Muslims under blanket suspicion.—Reuters

South Africa's ruling party headed for showdown after finance minister sacked

PIETERMARITZBURG, South Africa — South Africa's president faces a confrontation with senior members of the ruling African National Congress and the country's currency has plunged after the country's finance minister was sacked, a move that threatens to split the ANC.

The rand fell about 2 per cent to the dollar and government bonds weakened on Monday following President Jacob Zuma's dismissal on Friday of the internationally respected Pravin Gordhan.

The firing drew public criticism from Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, ANC Secretary General Gwede Mantashe

and Treasurer-General Zweli Mkhize before Monday's regular meetings of the party leadership.

Analysts suggest those meetings could set up a showdown between Zuma and some of the party's leaders. If so, Zuma still has the support of Chairwoman Baleka Mbete and Deputy Secretary-General Jessie Duarte, marking a split down the middle among the party's "Top Six" leaders, sources said.

An important signal will be whether the party calls for an early meeting of its National Executive Committee (NEC). The committee is the only body that can remove the leader of the

party, other than its party congress, which occurs only every five years.

In November, Zuma defeated a no-confidence vote at a meeting of the executive committee, which was called after an anti-graft agency asked for an investigation of alleged influence-peddling by the wealthy Gupta family, whom Zuma has called his friends. Zuma and the Guptas have denied any wrongdoing.

Any such meeting by the NEC "is the much more important event for markets to focus on," Nomura analyst Peter Attard Montalto said. —Reuters



South Africa's President Jacob Zuma greets supporters during a rally following the launch of a social housing project in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa on 1 April, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

Heavy security as Congo opposition strikes over election delays

KINSHASA — Congolese police deployed heavily across the capital Kinshasa on Monday as opposition calls for a general strike after a breakdown in talks with President Joseph Kabila's allies last week raised fears of renewed violence.

Security forces in Democratic Republic of Congo killed dozens in protests over election delays last year but the strike appeared to be peaceful on Monday morning as stores and banks were shuttered and streets quiet.

With police deployed at bus stops and intersections, there were only a handful of cars on the central boulevard in Kinshasa, a city of more than 10 million people, and the normally bustling central market was shut.

"I couldn't go to work... It's my way of supporting the opposition. We want change," said an employee of the central bank who asked to remain anonymous for fear of repercussions.

Kabila's failure to step down when his two-term mandate expired in December has further destabilised the loosely governed central African giant, where millions died in regional wars from 1996-2003.

Catholic bishops helped negotiate a deal in December that required Kabila to step down following elections before the end of 2017 but withdrew from their mediation role last week after implementation stalled.

The decision prompted sporadic unrest in Kinshasa last week and the country's largest opposition party, the UDPS, has called for a nationwide protest on 10 April.

The eastern city of Goma was also quiet on Monday except for a strong military presence, residents said. In the mining hub of Lumbumbashi, a storekeeper said businesses were opening but several hours late.

"This is a message to the

leaders to tell them that things are not right," said Bijoux Kahambu, a Goma resident.

Repeated strikes and demonstrations by the opposition last year failed to force Kabila to stand down at the end of his mandate, and the government said it planned to get on with business as usual.

The presidency said in a statement that Kabila would consult with "different groups of the concerned political and social class" on Monday and Tuesday in order to revive the December accord.

Kabila denies opposition charges that he is trying to cling to power, saying the election delays are due to challenges registering millions of voters.

Congo has never experienced a peaceful transition of power and an insurgency in its central Kasai region has killed hundreds since last August. —Reuters

South Sudan drops plan for \$10,000 work permit fee for aid staff

JUBA — South Sudan has suspended plans to charge foreign workers a \$10,000 work permit fee, the finance minister said, after criticism that it would create a huge expense for aid organizations.

War-ravaged South Sudan announced the 100-fold hike in the fee for foreign professionals in early March. Most such workers in the young country are employees of humanitarian groups.

"The Ministry of Finance acknowledges these significant issues ... and steps are being tak-

en to formulate the best way forward," Finance Minister Stephen Dhieu Dau told a news conference over the weekend.

"The implementing agencies will continue with old rates charged," he said, adding that parliament was expected to repeal the legislation that approved the fee hike. The previous rate was \$100 per foreign worker.

The world's youngest nation has been embroiled in civil war since 2013, when President Salva Kiir fired his deputy Riek Machar, sparking a conflict that

has increasingly split the country along ethnic lines.

In February, the United Nations declared that parts of the country were experiencing famine. Nearly half the population, or about 5.5 million people, is expected to lack a reliable supply of food by July.

The fighting has uprooted more than 3 million people. The UN said in a report in February that continuing displacement presented "heightened risks of prolonged (food) underproduction into 2018". —Reuters

Somali pirates hijack Indian commercial vessel

BOSASSO, Somalia — Pirates have hijacked an Indian commercial ship off the coast of Somalia, the second attack in weeks after years of inactivity, industry and security sources said on Monday.

United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO), which coordinates the management of merchant ships and yachts in the Gulf of Aden area, said it had received information that a dhow en route to Bosasso from Dubai had been hijacked "in the vicinity of Socotra (Island)".

A spokesman said UKMTO could not confirm the location of the vessel, which he identified as Al Kausar, or what exactly had taken place, and that investigations were continuing.

"We understand Somali pirates hijacked a commercial Indian ship (and it is heading) toward Somalia shores," Abdirizak Mohamed Dirir, a former director of the anti-piracy agency in Somalia's semi-autonomous Puntland region, told Reuters.

Somali pirates hijacked an oil tanker last month, the first commandeering of a vessel since 2012, but released it after a clash with the Puntland marine force.

Somalis have been angered recently by foreign fishermen flooding into their waters, some of whom have been given licenses to operate there by the Somali government.

Graeme Gibbon-Brooks of UK-based Dryad Maritime Security said industry sources had told him the Indian vessel was en route to Bosasso from Dubai when it was hijacked on Saturday. The pirates were on board

and were taking the ship and its 11 crew members to Eyl in Puntland, he said.

An Indian government official briefed on the incident confirmed the crew's number, said they were all Indian, that the vessel was an unmechanized dhow, and that officials were in touch with the Somali government.

India's ministry of external affairs told Reuters it could not confirm the hijack but some Indian media reported that the vessel was called Al Kaushar.

"This confirms that the pirates still have the ability to go to sea and take vessels, and the international shipping industry need to take additional precautions," John Steed of the aid group Oceans Beyond Piracy, told Reuters.

In 2011, Somali pirates launched 237 attacks off the coast of Somalia, data from the International Maritime Bureau showed, and took hundreds of hostages.

However attacks reduced as shipping companies tightened security measures, such as posting lookouts, blocking easy entry points to ships with barbed wire and installing secure panic rooms with communications equipment.

In a separate incident that highlights increased pirate activity, UKMTO said on its website that early on Monday, six skiffs had approached a vessel it did not identify and that ladders and hooks were sighted. The vessel raised the alarm, prompting armed guards to take up positions and the skiffs departed, leaving the vessel unharmed, UKMTO said. —Reuters

Assange set to stay in Ecuador embassy as leftist on verge of winning election

QUITO — WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange dodged an eviction order in Ecuador's Sunday election, after the right-wing candidate who had vowed to kick him out of the country's London embassy was set to narrowly lose a presidential election.

Assange has been holed up in the tiny embassy for nearly five years, protected by Ecuador's current leftist government from extradition to Sweden over rape allegations.

Conservative presidential candidate Guillermo Lasso had vowed to roll back that welcome mat and remove Assange within 30 days of winning office, making global headlines and spooking Assange's supporters.

As it became clear Lasso was on the verge of defeat, Assange sent him a tongue-in-cheek message on Sunday night.

"I cordially invite Lasso to leave Ecuador within 30 days (with or without his tax haven millions)," wrote Assange on Twitter, amid accusations that Lasso had dodged taxes by stashing cash abroad.

Government candidate Lenin Moreno, meanwhile, has promised to keep hosting Assange in the Andean country's embassy — although he warned he may take a tougher stance.

Moreno said in an interview with leftist broadcaster TeleSUR in February that he would ask Assange "not to intervene in the poli-



WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. PHOTO: REUTERS

tics of countries that are friends of Ecuador."

Assange, who enraged Washington by publishing a flood of secret US diplomatic cables, entered the London embassy fearing that Sweden could end up sending him on to the United States where he could face a long prison term for leaking US secrets. He has repeatedly denied the rape allegations.

Though he will be able to stay on in the embassy, the tight presidential election in Ecuador highlighted just how vulnerable he is should a new government be ushered in.

Lasso said Ecuador, a largely poor country struggling amid an

economic downturn, was wrong to host Assange.

"Ecuador had no business spending a single cent protecting someone who definitely leaked confidential information," Lasso told Reuters in an interview in February in his sweltering coastal hometown of Guayaquil.

Despite its global importance, Assange's case barely featured in the Ecuadorean campaign, which centered on jobs and social benefits. In 2010, WikiLeaks published thousands of classified US military and diplomatic documents in what became one of the largest information leaks in US history.—Reuters

Suffragist to be first woman statue in Britain's Parliament Square

LONDON — British votes for women campaigner Millicent Fawcett is to become the first woman to be honoured with a statue in London's Parliament Square.

Fawcett, who formed the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies in 1897, spent decades advocating for equal rights including voting rights and access to higher education.

The idea for the statue gained momentum following an online petition which garnered more than 80,000 signatures and was backed by Harry Potter author JK Rowling, actress Emma Watson and London mayor Sadiq Khan.

"The example Millicent Fawcett set during the struggle for equality continues to inspire the battle against the burning injustices of today," Prime Minister Theresa May said in a statement.

"It is right and proper that she is honoured in Parliament Square alongside former leaders who changed our country. Her statue will stand as a reminder of how politics only has value if it works for everyone in society."

Fawcett led a peaceful cam-

paign for equal rights including petitions, lobbying members of parliament and non-violent protests.

The movement gave rise to the more radical suffragettes, whose tactics included hunger strikes, arson and bomb attacks.

Britain granted some women the right to vote in 1918, but it wasn't until 1928 that all women had the same voting rights as men.

"We are delighted that Millicent Fawcett, the woman who led the constitutional campaign for votes for women, will finally be honoured," said Sam Smethers, chief executive of the Fawcett Society which campaigns for women's rights.

"A statue of her in Parliament Square will be a fitting tribute. Her contribution was great but she has been overlooked and unrecognised until now."

There are 11 statues of men in Parliament Square. Fawcett will be honoured alongside historic figures like British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Indian independence hero Mahatma Gandhi and former South African President and anti-apartheid fighter Nelson Mandela.—Reuters

Explosion hits metro in Russia's St Petersburg, at least 10 feared dead — source

MOSCOW — According to preliminary reports, ten people were killed by an explosion inside a metro train at the Sennaya Square station in St Petersburg, emergency services told TASS. According to a source, an unidentified device exploded in a train car.

"According to information available at this point ten people died. Others were injured," a source said adding that the number of casualties was still to be specified. TASS has no official confirmation at this point.

Rescue workers and law enforcement personnel are working at the scene

Evacuation is under way at a blast-hit subway station. Seven metro stations in the city have been closed following the blast:

"Park Pobedy, Elektrosila, Moskovskiy Vorota, Frunzenskaya, Tekhnologicheskoy Institut, Sennaya Ploshchad and Gostiny Dvor metro stations have been closed," the metro's press service reports.

A spokesman for the regional department of Russia's Emergencies Ministry said it was checking reports on the smoke in the metro. "There is a complaint about the smoke, the staff members are going to the scene," he said.—TASS



Evacuation is under way at a blast-hit subway station. PHOTO: TASS

Turkey's Erdogan says Turks in Europe should defy 'grandchildren of Nazism'

ANKARA — President Tayyip Erdogan on Monday called on Turkish voters in Europe to defy the "grandchildren of Nazism" and back a referendum this month on changing the constitution, comments likely to cause further ire in

Europe.

Erdogan has repeatedly lashed out at European countries, including Germany, in campaigning for the referendum, accusing them of "Nazi-like" tactics for banning his ministers from speaking to rallies

of Turkish voters abroad.

Germany has been incensed by the references to its wartime past. German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said that the references must stop.

Erdogan also said he would

take the issue of whether Turkey should restore the death penalty to referendum if necessary. Turkey abandoned capital punishment more than a decade ago as part of its bid to join the European Union. Restoring capital punishment —

which crowds have called for following the 15 July failed coup — would all but end Turkey's bid to join the EU, officials from the bloc have said. Erdogan made the comments at a rally in the Black Sea province of Rize.—Reuters

Serbia's Vucic confirms domination with presidential win

BELGRADE — Conservative Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic won Serbia's presidential election on Sunday by a huge margin, confirming his domination of the Balkan country balanced between the West and Russia.

Vucic, 47, avoided a run-off by taking just over 55 percent of votes; his nearest rival, opposition candidate and former rights advocate Sasa Jankovic, trailed on 16.2 per cent, according to a projection by the Ipsos polling group.

Vucic will take on the largely ceremonial post at the end of May, but is ex-

pected to retain de facto power through his control of Serbia's ruling Progressive Party.

The result marked a political humiliation for Serbia's beleaguered opposition parties, which say Vucic's rule is increasingly autocratic.

It is not expected to change the former Yugoslav republic's geopolitical balancing act between the European Union, which Vucic wants Serbia to join, and Russia, with which Serbs share their Orthodox Christian faith and Slavic heritage. Despite economic growth and greater fiscal

stability, Serbia remains mired in poverty and corruption. But to his supporters, Vucic is a firm hand in a troubled region.

"I voted for stability, we've had enough wars," said Bozica Ivanovic, a 65-year-old pensioner who voted for Vucic. "We need more jobs for younger people and if we can get higher pensions and salaries, even better."

Vucic's opponents, however, say he has an authoritarian streak that has led him to take control over the media in Serbia since his party rose to power in 2012 and he became prime minis-

ter three years ago.

He denies the charge but has struggled to shake it given his record when last in government in the dying days of Yugoslavia.

Then in his late 20s, Vucic was Serbia's feared information minister behind draconian legislation designed to muzzle criticism of the government during the 1998-99 Kosovo war.

"If there's no second round, that means we live in a society that is politically immature," sociologist Jovo Bakic told N1 television. "Where else do you not get a second round? In North Korea."—Reuters



Serbian Prime Minister and presidential candidate Aleksandar Vucic celebrates his win in presidential election at his headquarters in Belgrade, Serbia on 2 April, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

NZ police release CCTV images of suspects in Maori paintings theft

AUCKLAND — New Zealand police released images of two men sought in connection with the brazen theft of 130-year-old paintings of Maori tribal leaders from an Auckland gallery.

The two paintings by Czech artist Gottfried Lindauer were stolen early on Saturday when thieves drove a vehicle into the front window of the Inter-

national Art Centre gallery and auction house. The artworks were to be auctioned this week.

The images from CCTV footage showed two males wearing dark clothes, black gloves and bandanas partially covering their faces. Police estimated they were 20-30 years old.

"If you recognise any of these men — even if you

suspect it could be someone you know, please get in touch with us," Detective Inspector Scott Beard of the Auckland City Police said in a statement.

Auckland's international airport was on high alert for anybody trying to transport the paintings out of the country, police said. They also informed Interpol, the global police coop-

eration agency.

Lindauer, who emigrated to New Zealand in the 1870s, is best known for his detailed portraits of Maori chiefs.

The stolen art, believed to have been painted in the 1880s, are portraits of Chief Ngatai-Raure and his wife, detailing the Maori practice of facial tattooing.—Reuters

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US Box Office: 'Boss Baby' tops 'Beauty and the Beast,' 'Ghost in the Shell' bombs

LOS ANGELES — "Boss Baby" is enjoying the view from the top.

The animated comedy bottled up a leading \$49 million from 3,773 locations, edging out Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," a box office juggernaut that's dominated the multiplexes since debuting three weeks ago. "Beauty and the Beast" added another \$48 million to its mammoth \$395.5 million domestic haul. The weekend's other new release, Paramount's "Ghost in the Shell" bombed, taking in a demoralizing \$19 million.

Critics were cool toward "Boss Baby," which centers on a cuteness standoff between babies and puppies. Alec Baldwin, in vulpine "Glengarry Glen Ross" mode, voices a power suit-wearing infant, leading a vocal cast that includes Tobey Maguire, Steve Buscemi, Jimmy Kimmel, and Lisa Kudrow.

DreamWorks Animation produced the film for over \$100 million, with Fox distributing the picture. Heading into the weekend, "Boss Baby" had been projected to debut to \$30 million.

"The picture works because it's a great concept and having Alec Baldwin, who is such as well known voice, voicing a baby is near genius," said Chris Aronson, Fox's head of domestic distribution.

Aronson said he was surprised that the reviews for the film weren't stronger.

"I was shocked and still am," said Aronson. "It's nice when you have critics and audiences aligned, but it's painful when you don't get it. You wonder why do audiences like it so much and the reviewers don't?"

"Ghost in the Shell," an adaptation of a popular Japanese manga

about a cyber-enhanced warrior (a be-spandexed Scarlett Johansson) who must take down a cabal of terrorist hackers, was produced in conjunction with DreamWorks Pictures and Reliance Entertainment. If it wants to fight its way into the black, it will need to get a big lift from foreign crowds. To that end, the science-fiction story pulled in \$40.1 million abroad from 50 foreign territories.

Paramount has gone through a punishing run at the box office, enduring costly flops such as "Allied" and "Ben-Hur," while going through a series of executive shakeups that resulted in the ousters of Chairman Brad Grey and Vice-Chairman Rob Moore. It has a newly named studio chief in Jim Gianopulos, the former head of Fox's film division, whose task it will be to bring more creative

stability to the company.

"Ghost in the Shell's" rollout was nearly subsumed by controversy over its casting and accusations that by tapping Johansson the film had engaged in "whitewashing." It was cited as exhibit A in a larger, industry-wide debate about studios' habits of employing white actors in Asian roles.

Lionsgate's "Power Rangers" and Warner Bros. and Legendary's "Kong: Skull Island" rounded out the top five, earning \$14.5 million and \$8.8 million, respectively. The Power Rangers reboot has grossed \$65.1 million in two weeks of release, while the latest King Kong remake has made \$147.8 million after four weeks in theaters.

In limited release, Focus Features' "The Zookeeper's Wife" opened to \$3.3 million in 541 locations this weekend. Jessica



Cast member Emma Watson poses at the premiere of "Beauty and the Beast" in Los Angeles, California, US on 2 March, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

Chastain stars in the film as a woman in World War II era Warsaw who tries to save Jews during the Holocaust.—Reuters

Actress Pamela Anderson plays down Assange romance rumours

STOCKHOLM--Actress Pamela Anderson was coy about a rumoured romance with Wikileaks founder Julian Assange, saying his being holed up in the Ecuadorian embassy in London made dating "a little bit difficult".

Speaking to a Swedish television talk show, the former "Baywatch" actress and animal rights activist said she had probably spent more time with Assange than with any other man lately but would not be drawn on details. British media have reported Anderson has been spotted visiting Assange at the central London embassy, where he took refuge in 2012 to avoid extradition to Sweden over allegations that he committed rape



Actress Pamela Anderson answers a question at a news conference to announce the launch of the online social platform FrogAds.com, in West Hollywood, California on 22 March, 2012. PHOTO: REUTERS

in 2010, which he denies.

In a clip of the interview which airs on Friday evening, Anderson is asked whether their relationship was romantic and if they are dating. The 49-year-old actress laughs before saying: "Well, he's imprisoned, that would make it a little bit difficult."

She is then pressed further.

"Let's see what happens when he's free. But you know I spend probably more time with him than any other man socially, which is very odd," Anderson said.

In a post on her pamelaaandersonfoundation.org website on Thursday, Anderson referred to Assange as "one of my favourite people". "He might be the most

famous, most politicized refugee of our time. Famous for being persecuted. Famous for being persecuted is not a position of power but a position of vulnerability. I am concerned," she wrote. "Julian is a human being who is extremely empathetic and cares deeply about the world. And because of his work. He has made some powerful enemies in a few countries — America especially by exposing them. Julian is trying to free the world by educating it. It is a romantic struggle — I love him for this."

British media have printed photos of Anderson outside the embassy, with one picture showing her carrying takeaway food.—Reuters

I wanted a film career like Julia Roberts: Elizabeth Banks

LONDON — Actress Elizabeth Banks says her career has turned out very differently to what she expected as she initially hoped to make romantic comedies like "Pretty Woman" star Julia Roberts.

The "Power Rangers" actress jokes that her timing was terrible when it came to launching her movie career, reported Contactmusic.

"I actually wanted to be Julia Roberts, and then they stopped making romantic comedies. My timing was terrible. I came into this business and everyone was like, 'We're gonna make bromances now!' and then every movie suddenly stars Jason Segel and Paul Rudd," Banks says.

But the actress is happy that there is now "some really interesting non-traditional women in comedy, women like Melissa McCarthy and Amy Schumer". Banks, however, does not have any complaints with her life.

"And I have a lovely life. I'm not complaining. But I do feel like all planning goes out the window. Actually, I think that's probably why I produce and direct, because I really felt like the opportunities for me — especially compared to my male peers — were so limited and uninteresting." PTI



Elizabeth Banks at the Vanity Fair Party after Oscars 2017 in February in California. PHOTO: REUTERS

Pop art pioneer James Rosenquist dies at 83

NEW YORK — Artist James Rosenquist, a leading figure of the 1960s pop art movement known for his room-sized works, has died at the age of 83, his studio said.

Rosenquist helped define the genre of color-bursting displays of common objects that was also championed by the likes Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein.

He died on Friday, the studio

said, without providing further details.

Rosenquist had early experience as a billboard painter, which became a springboard for presentations of images that he culled from sources including print advertisements and magazines, it said.

He had shows in some of the world's most celebrated museums,

including New York's Museum of Modern Art and the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao in Spain, it said.

"Painting is probably much more exciting than advertising," Rosenquist was quoted as saying by the Museum of Modern Art.

"So why shouldn't it be done with that power and gusto, with that impact."

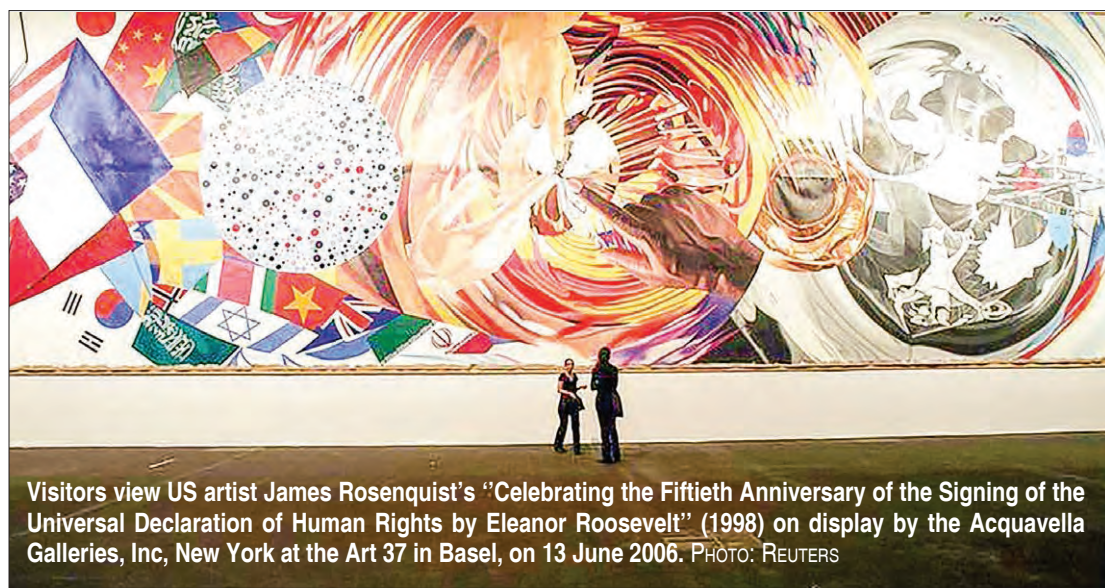
One of his more celebrated

works is "F-111," which is billboard in size and made in 1964 and 1965, during the US war in Viet Nam. It combines images including a US military warplane, a bombing and scenes of American prosperity, including a smiling blonde girl sitting under a hair dryer reminiscent of a missile, the museum said.

His celebrated 1962 painting of Marilyn Monroe was created shortly after her death and shows fragmented images of the global star that includes a segment of the Coca-Cola brand name, it said.

Rosenquist was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota where he had a nomadic life that took him and his parents to about a half dozen places including in Minnesota and Ohio. He studied at the University of Minnesota and moved to New York in his twenties.

"Painting has everything to do with memory. Images of the unexpected, the surreal, well up unbidden in your mind — as do things you haven't resolved," he said in his autobiography written with David Dalton titled "Painting Below Zero."—Reuters



Visitors view US artist James Rosenquist's "Celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by Eleanor Roosevelt" (1998) on display by the Acquavella Galleries, Inc, New York at the Art 37 in Basel, on 13 June 2006. PHOTO: REUTERS

Warhol 'Mao' painting sold for \$12.6 million in Hong Kong

LONDON — An Andy Warhol portrait of former Chinese leader Chairman Mao Zedong has sold for \$12.6 million at a Hong Kong auction, less than the \$15 million it was expected to fetch.

The painting was sold to a private Asian collector at Sotheby's evening sale on Sunday.

Warhol began his series of silk-screen portraits of Mao in 1972 when ties between then Cold War foes China and the United States began to thaw after US President Richard Nixon's historic trip to Beijing.—Reuters



An employee poses with artist Andy Warhol's artwork "Mao" at Sotheby's auction house in London January 29, 2014. PHOTO: REUTERS

Japan's 1st outdoor Legoland park opens in Nagoya

NAGOYA — Japan's first outdoor Legoland park opened in Nagoya on Saturday, with the major new attraction raising hopes that more foreign tourists will visit the area and deliver an economic boon to the country's third largest business region.

With children's tickets priced higher than Tokyo Disneyland's, Legoland Japan offers various rides inspired by the Danish construction toy and serves

meals including whimsical block-shaped fried potatoes in the seaside premises.

"We want children from all over the world to come to Nagoya and make unforgettable memories," Torben Jensen, president of Legoland Japan Ltd, said at an opening ceremony.

Visitors can stroll down a miniature town, called Miniland, which has models of landmark buildings in Japan, such as Tokyo Station, Kiyomizu temple in Kyoto

and a 2-metre-high Nagoya Castle.

Some 10 million pieces of Lego plastic blocks were used to complete the miniature town, according to the park's operator.

Children can drive go-karts, ride a roller coaster and take a "submarine" tour through a real fish tank in the 9.3-hectare park in the Kinjo Wharf area.

Jensen told reporters recently that the park's operator plans to expand the

size of the premises, open a Legoland hotel and build new attractions to increase the number of repeat guests.

Legoland Japan will also enhance cooperation with foreign travel agencies that are contemplating selling package tours whose prices include entrance ticket fees, Jensen said.

A local think tank expects the new theme park could give an economic boost worth 96.8 billion yen (\$865 million) to Aichi Prefecture, whose capital is Nagoya, and other areas in fiscal 2017 starting Saturday.

Ryoichi Namba, economist at the Chubu Region Institute for Social and Economic Research, said that the park, which is only 17 minutes by train from the Nagoya shinkansen bullet train station, will attract a lot of foreign tourists as only the second Legoland in Asia after one in Malaysia.

The institute urged the park's operator to make efforts to encourage guests to come back after their first visits by rolling out new projects and increasing investment to keep their business on track in fiscal 2018 or later.—Kyodo News



People enter Japan's first outdoor Legoland park in Nagoya on 1 April 2017. The launch of the major new attraction has raised hopes that more foreign tourists will visit the area and deliver an economic boon to the country's third-largest business region. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

Belief in "power of storytelling" drives Murakami

TOKYO — Japanese writer Haruki Murakami, whose latest work explores new territory like rebirth and family, says he is a believer in the power of storytelling.

Murakami, 68, opened up to Japanese reporters in an interview about "Killing Commendatore," a novel published in Japanese in two parts in February.

"Killing Commendatore" has a propulsive story, multilayered themes and lavish imagery. It ends with a sense of warmth, enveloping characters who have lost people dear to them or are deeply wounded. It also describes prayers for rebirth.

"Storytelling gives people power — I believe that," Murakami said.

The protagonist is a 36-year-old portrait painter, "me."

When his wife abruptly tells him she wants to leave him, he begins living in a house in the mountains of Kanagawa Prefecture, southwest of Tokyo, that used to be the home and studio of a painter of traditional "nihonga" paintings named Tomohiko Amada.

He finds a painting of Amada's, entitled "Killing Commendatore," in an attic. It depicts the scene in the Mozart opera "Don Giovanni" when the knight is killed recreated in ancient Japan. Curious things proceed to happen throughout the story, written in the first person.

"I used to always write in the first person, so I had a sense of liberty as I went back to my old field," Murakami said. "Novels I like, like 'Catcher in the Rye' and 'The Great Gatsby,' are in the first person

too. When I was translating novels like those, I felt like writing (that way) again. Perhaps first-person novels suit me."

Murakami said every time he listened to "Don Giovanni" he had wondered what exactly a commendatore was.

"The title, 'Killing Commendatore,' popped into my mind and I was taken with how peculiar it felt. Then curiosity reared its head — what kind of story would that be?" he said. With a painter as its protagonist, the work is embedded with Murakami's own writing methods and of views on art.

"I don't know how to paint pictures, but I think the fundamentals of pictures and literature are the same, so I transferred the work I do in writing novels (into the story)," he said.

The painting depicting the killing of the commendatore serves as a requiem to someone dear to its artist.

"I think I've always written about feelings toward things that have been lost," Murakami said. "But this time, that wasn't all — I wanted to link that to rebirth." "It might be because I feel a sense of responsibility that comes with my age," he said. "I brought the story to a neat conclusion for the same reason."

At the start of the novel, the broken-hearted protagonist goes on a road trip up the coast of northeastern Japan.

The end of the novel depicts the devastation of the same area by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami disaster. —Kyodo News



File photo shows a woman holding copies of "Killing Commendatore," a novel by Japanese writer Haruki Murakami, at a Tokyo bookstore in the early hours of 24 February, 2017 shortly after the two-part book was launched. During a recent interview about the novel, the 68-year-old novelist said he is a believer in the power of storytelling. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

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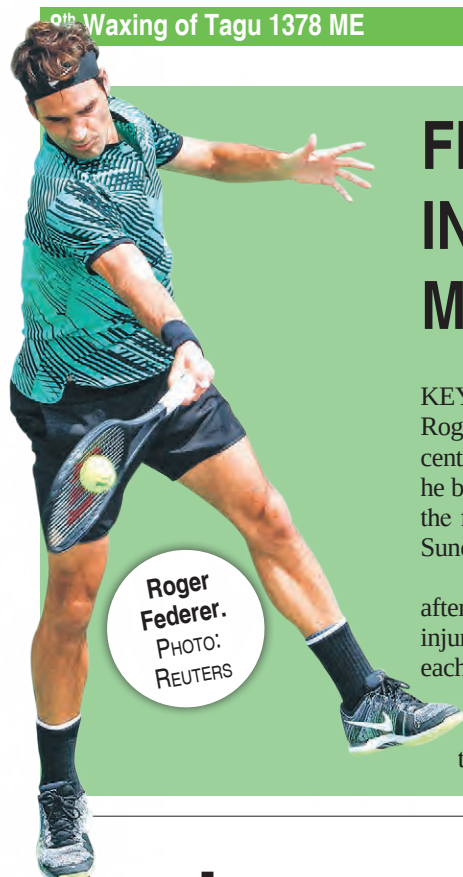
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Roger Federer.
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FEDERER BEATS NADAL IN STRAIGHT SETS IN MIAMI OPEN FINAL

KEY BISCAYNE, FL — Roger Federer continued his recent mastery of Rafa Nadal when he beat his great rival 6-3, 6-4 in the final of the Miami Open on Sunday.

Federer, peerless this year after returning from a six-month injury absence, broke once in each set on the Crandon Park hardcourt for his fourth consecutive victory over the Spaniard.

Nadal still leads their career head-to-head record at 23-14, due entirely to his superiority on clay, but Federer now leads 10-9 on hardcourt. Federer improved to 19-1 this year, winning the Australian Open in five sets over Nadal, and Paribas Open in straight sets over Stan Wawrinka. His only loss was at the hands of Russian Evgeny Donskoy in the second round in Dubai. —Reuters

Real consolidate first place with 3-0 Alaves win

BARCELONA — Real Madrid tightened their grip on top spot by beating Alaves 3-0 at home in La Liga on Sunday to provisionally move five points ahead of nearest challengers Barcelona despite coach Zinedine Zidane being forced to make changes in defence.

Karim Benzema put Real ahead in the 31st minute while appearing to be offside in the build-up but Alaves still caused the leaders a few headaches before goals from Isco and Nacho in the 85th and 88th minutes sealed the points.

Zidane told reporters he was happy with a clean sheet even if the final result somewhat flattered his side.

Real lead the standings on 68 points although second-placed champions Barcelona, who have

63 also from 28 games, can peg them back when they visit Granada later on Sunday.

Sevilla slipped out of the top three after being held 0-0 at home by struggling Sporting Gijon in the early game.

Real were dealt an early blow when Raphael Varane had to go off with a hamstring problem in the 11th minute which forced Zidane to rejig his defence, moving Nacho to centre back and switching Danilo from right back to left back to accommodate substitute Dani Carvajal, who set up the breakthrough goal.

Carvajal received a pass from Benzema on the right and cut inside to send the ball bouncing back to the Frenchman who lashed it into the net. Zidane had rested goalkeeper Keylor Navas, captain Sergio Ramos and Marce-

lo, and was missing Casemiro through suspension, but opted for a highly attacking formation.

He started playmaker Isco in the midfield three behind his first choice attacking trio of Gareth Bale, Benzema and Cristiano Ronaldo.

Alaves spurned two clear chances to level in the second half before Isco killed them off by smashing home a perfectly weighted pass from Ronaldo on the counter, while Nacho bundled in the third goal moments later, pouncing after Bale had smacked the crossbar from a free-kick.

Zidane said that while his team underperformed in the second half their gruelling fixture list - they face eight more games in April — affected their ability to play well in every match. —Reuters

Gomez' seven-minute hat-trick earns Wolfsburg comeback draw

BERLIN — VfL Wolfsburg striker Mario Gomez scored a hat-trick in seven minutes late in the game to secure a 3-3 draw at Bayer Leverkusen in the Bundesliga on Sunday and continue his stellar scoring run under coach Andries Jonker. The 31-year-old Germany forward headed home after 80 and 83 minutes to bring Wolfsburg level after goals from Karim Bellarabi and Kevin Volland had put the hosts ahead.

He then converted an 87th minute penalty for his treble before Leverkusen's Kai Havertz equalised two minutes later.

Gomez, who now has 12 league goals this season, made

it nine consecutive matches in which he has scored under Jonker. He netted in all five matches of Jonker's brief stint as interim Bayern Munich coach in the 2010/11 season and has scored in all four matches since the Dutchman took over the Wolves.

The result lifted Wolfsburg two places to 13th on 30 points from 26 matches, two behind Leverkusen.

Leaders Bayern Munich crushed visitors Augsburg 6-0 on Saturday to maintain a 13-point gap at the top over RB Leipzig who won 4-0 at bottom side Darmstadt 98. —Reuters



Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho . PHOTO: REUTERS

Man United may focus on Europa League, says Mourinho

LONDON — Manchester United may field weakened teams in the league if a top-four finish seems beyond them in order to boost their chances of winning the Europa League, manager Jose Mourinho has said.

United were held 0-0 by West Bromwich Albion at the weekend, leaving them five points adrift of fourth-placed Manchester City but with a game in hand.

They host seventh-placed Everton on Tuesday and travel to bottom club Sunderland on Sunday.

United visit Belgian side Anderlecht in the first leg of their Europa League quarter-final on 13 April before hosting the return a week later.

A top four Premier League place is needed for access to the

Champions League but United could grab a place in Europe's elite club competition next season by winning the Europa League.

"I just want to think that against Everton we are going to do what we tried to do (against West Brom), to try to play with our best team and try to win the match," Mourinho told British media.

"And after Everton we go to Sunderland with the same perspective ... then the Europa League comes and I don't know.

"It's possible that you see me play in the Premier League with a team where I'm going to protect the players that I consider fundamental for the Europa League." Manchester United have never won the Europa League or its predecessor, the UEFA Cup. —Reuters



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo (L) and Alaves' Theo Hernandez in action during the match of Spanish La Liga Santander between Real Madrid and Alaves in Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, Madrid, Spain on 2 April, 2017.

PHOTO: REUTERS