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General Secretary of the Central Committee of Communist Party of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to visit Myanmar in near future

At the invitation of U Htin Kyaw, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency Mr. Nguyen Phu Trong, General Secretary of the Central Committee of Communist Party of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, will pay a State Visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in the near future.



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Merchants checking the quality of pearls. **PHOTO: MNA**



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Pearl Auction ends

THE Myanmar Pearl Auction ended yesterday after three days and selling nearly all available pearl lots on auction. Union Minister U Ohn Win made an appearance to thank the participants.

The state-run auction, which has been held in Myanmar

since 1964, is organized by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation and the Myanmar Pearl Enterprise, was held under an open tender system at the Myanmar Gems Museum.

This year's state-owned pearl stock was sold out for total

revenue of about Euro 2.3 million. Since 1964, Myanmar has held 90 pearl auctions earning revenues of US\$ 115 million.

Sixty-two companies participated this year. In southern part of Myanmar, there is Myeik Archipelago, formerly known as Mergui Archipelago in the

Taninthayi Region. It consists of 800 islands and the total area is 25,600 sq. kilometres. Almost all of the islands were virgin lands and they have been well known since ancient times, because of their inhabitants, Pinctada maxima oysters.

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Yangon Region honours monks and nuns

Yangon Region government honoured monks, nuns and layperson who were conferred on religious titles by the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at Chanthagyi pavilion of Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon yesterday afternoon.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein ushered monks led by Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Title holder Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita, the presiding monk of Pariyatti School, a prominent Buddhist centre of learning, in Yangon, to the venue.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita administered the Five Precepts, followed by the recitation of Parittas by the monks. The chief minister gave a brief account of the religious ceremony.

The Union Minister presented religious title and offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita and offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sirinda, the Chief



Union Minister, Region Chief Minister and the audience observe five precepts delivered by Presiding Sayadaw, Kaing Gone Priyatti School, Kayan town, Yangon Region. **PHOTO: MNA**

Minister presented religious title and offertories to Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Therinda, the Region Hluttaw Speaker pre-

sented religious title and offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimala. The Chief Minister and officials then presented titles and

offertories to other title-holder monks, nuns and laypersons. Well-wishers made cash donations for the title holders. Sayad-

aw Bhaddanta Sirinda delivered a sermon. Monks and nuns were then served with day meal. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Myanmar becomes member of World Organization of the Scout Movement



Delegation of Myanmar Scout Federation seen at the Yangon International Airport. **PHOTO: MYANMAR SCOUT FEDERATION**

Myanmar was accredited 164th member of World Organization of the Scout Movement at the 41st World Scout Conference held in Baku, Azerbaijan from 13 to 20 August.

Myanmar Scout Federation chairman Dr Tin Nyo and party attended the conference and arrived back in Yangon yesterday afternoon.

Myanmar Women's Chief Scout Dr Tin Hla Kyi, Myanmar

Men Deputy Chief Scout U Tha Sein, senior scouts and youth scouts welcomed by at the Yangon International Airport.

The scout representatives of 160 nations attended the conference and nine nations including Myanmar were granted certificates and flags being recognized as members of World Organization of the Scout Movement.

Myanmar Scout Federation chairman Dr Tin Nyo and party

met with World Organization of the Scout Movement chairman Mr Joao Armando Goncalves and Secretary-General Mr Ahmad Alhen Dawai, South Korea Chief Scout and former secretary-general of United Nation Mr Ban Ki-moon and chief scouts of other nations and discussed matters relating to international incorporation of scout movement of Myanmar.—Myanmar Scout Federation ■

297 found H1N1 positive, 30 died of the virus

Of the 797 H1N1 suspected persons, 30 died of the virus and 297 were found positive in the whole country from 21 July to this date expect from Kachin and Kayah states that were free from the deadly influenza, according to the press release of the Ministry of Health and Sports yesterday.

Nine patients were found H1N1 positive and one of them died when 24 suspected of H1N1 infection were tested during the two days on 19 and 20 August, the press release also said.

Region/state-wise list showed Kayin State had 19 H1N1 suspected cases, 15 positive cases, and one death; Chin State had 66 suspected cases, 13 positive cases and 0 death; Sagaing Region had 23 suspected cases, 16 positive cases, and one death; Taninthayi Region, had 25 suspected cases, 19 positive cases, and 0 death; Bago Region had 88 suspected cases, 38 positive cases, and three deaths; Magway Region had 23 suspected cases, 15 positive cases, and two deaths; Mandalay Region had 23 suspected cases, 17 positive cases, and two deaths; Mon State had 12 suspected cases, six

positive cases, and one death; Rakhine State had 12 suspected cases, 4 positive cases, and 0 death; Yangon Region had 366 suspected cases, 83 positive cases, and seven deaths; Shan State (East) had 12 suspected cases, 3 positive cases, and 0 death; Shan State (South) had 14 suspected cases, 10 positive cases, and 0 death; Shan State (North) had six suspected cases, three positive cases, and one death; Ayeyawady Region had 86 suspected cases, 38 positive cases, and 12 deaths; and Nay Pyi Taw had 22 suspected cases, 17 positive cases, and 0 death.

Up to 2 pm yesterday, three inpatients were founded infected at Waibagi Hospital in Yangon, and 33 at hospitals in other regions and states totaling 36. A total of 195 have recovered from illness and have been discharged from the respective hospitals. There are also 16 outpatients. Countries bordering Myanmar and most of the Southeast Asian countries are also suffering from the infection of the seasonal influenza of the same type.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Dr Pe Myint delivers speech at the coordination meeting of 100 Myanmar Classic Book Series. PHOTO: MNA

Information Ministry to restore former glory of Sarpay Beikman

With a view to making Myanmar Classic literature available to the public, Sarpay Beikman is planning to publish 100 Myanmar books series by collecting the best selection of literatures.

Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint and other literati attended the third coordination meeting in connection with the publishing of 100 Myanmar classic books series which was held at the Printing and Publishing department on Thein Phyu road in Yangon yesterday at 1:00 pm.

At the meeting, the vice chairman of the work committee Sayar U Tin Hlaing, also known as Lal Twin Thar Saw Chit, discussed and gave advises on the selection and publication of subject and category wise classic novels, biography, poems, literatures and knowledge, point-size and font for the 100 Myanmar books series. Then, U Than Ohn who was known as Mg Zayar, co-secretary 1 of the work committee discussed the list of topics and subjects which would be includ-

ed in publishing 100 Myanmar books series such as novels, short stories, drama, prose, and essay during 20 century. The Director-General, Deputy Director-General and literati discussed the works to be carried out to get necessary books and documents, fonts and sizes, number of pages, coordination with experts, names and sizes for the book series.

Afterwards, the Union Minister gave the concluding remarks saying that the ministry mainly aims at restoring the former glory of Sarpay Beikman. The publication of 100 Myanmar book series will promote the roles of Sarpay Beikman. The plan to publish 100 Myanmar books will reinstate Sarpay Beikman in its past status. After the coordination meeting for publishing 100 Myanmar books series, another meeting in connection with the holding of a Printing Forum continued at the venue.

It was held jointly by the Ministry of Information and Myanmar Printers and Publishers

Association.

At the meeting, the Union Minister said that the purpose of the forum was to develop printing and printing enterprises in Myanmar. He expressed his hope that the forum will produce valuable suggestions. He spoke of the need to conduct research on the development of publication techniques and the publication sector's contribution to the national economy.

Then, U Min Han, Chairman of Myanmar Printers and Publishers Association and U Thurain Tun, secretary, explained the arrangement for holding the printing forum, and the functions of the body.

Later, U Aung Myo Myint, director-general of Printing and Publishing Department, U Ko Ko Naing, deputy director-general and attendants discussed matters relating to distribution of 100 Myanmar books series and holding of a printing forum. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the Union Minister. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Level-1 contest of Peace music Festival continues in Yangon

Level-1 song contest of Peace music festival 2017 was held at the studio (A) of MRTV (Myanmar Radio and Television) located on the Pyay Road, Kamayut Township. Present at the contest were Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint, Yangon Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, region and state ministers, director general of MRTV, officials and invited guests.

Three singers each from five townships of Taunggyi, Myitkyina, Mawlamyine, Lashio and Patheingyi were selected from level-1 contest.

As there were a lot of participants in Yangon, two events were held for level-1 competition for Yangon.

The first contest was held on 13 August evening and the

second yesterday. Each event in Yangon selected three singer. Similarly, level-1 song contest for Sittway Township will be held on 27 August.

The second event of level-1 song contest of Peace music festival 2017 in Yangon was broadcast from MRTV channel after its eight o'clock news and broadcast directly from Facebook pages of MRTV and Peace Music Festival.

The timeline announcements of Peace music festival 2017 are posted on time at Peace Music Festival Facebook Page, www.facebook.com/peacemusicfestival. Families of the festival and well-wishers are visiting IDP camps of the host cities and donating provisions.

— Myanmar News Agency ■



A vocalist competes at the Peace Music Festival. PHOTO: MNA

Drug seized at the entrance bridge of Maungtaw

Maungtaw Police seized 194 amphetamine stimulant pills from two villagers from Ngan Chaung Village during a car inspection at the entrance bridge of Maungtaw, Rakhine State, yesterday. Police said the pills have a street value of Ks388,000.

Maungtaw Police conduct-

ed the vehicle search based on a tip. The car was being driven from Taungpyo to Maungtaw.

Police arrested the occupants of the vehicle, identified as Harlat, 19, and Shar Alom, 57, of Ngan Chaung Village, on suspicion of illegal drug crimes. —A One Soe and Myo Thu Hein

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Indawgyi Lake hosts rare species of water bird

INDAWGYI LAKE of Kachin State in northern Myanmar is the country's largest freshwater lake, the third largest in Southeast Asia and home to more than 160 birds species, including globally threatened water birds, according to Myanmar Tourism Federation.

More than 450 bird species, including 20,000 migratory birds, call the lake home between October and April, according to the Indawgyi Lake Wildlife Sanctuary. Twenty of those species are considered rare or endangered.

UNESCO designated Indawgyi Lake as a Man and Biosphere Reserve (MAB), among the non-governmental organisation's global network of 669 reserves, on 12-15 June at UNESCO's headquarters in Paris, France. Prior to the UNESCO designation, the lake was an ASEAN Heritage



Birds soar near a visitor boat in Indawgyi lake in Mohnyin, Kachin State, which is to be preserved. **PHOTO: SHWE MYANMAR**

Park due to its ecological importance. It was also designated as a Ramsar Site in early 2016 due to its unique bird population and

wetlands.

While it is still off the beaten track, tourism businesses are promoting Indawgyi

Lake as one of Myanmar's ecotourism destinations. Visitors explore the area by boat or on hikes or bikes. —Shwe Khine ■

Over 10,000 plants to be planted along road to Alaungtaw Kathapa Pagoda this month

LOCAL philanthropic organizations will plant over 10,000 plants along the Shwesapin Bridge Road located between Yinmabin Township and Pale Township, Sagaing Region in the last week of this month.

Led by a Buddhist monk, a head of Shwesapin Monastery, government departments, local social organisations, donors and residents will participate in the environmental conservation programme scheduled for 27 August.

Wai Lu Kyaw, a film actor who also active in humanitarian and social relief works, will join the upcoming tree-plant-

ing event and along with other artists, will entertain participants with music and dances prior to the event.

The project will plant 3,000 teak trees, over 5,000 bamboo trees and 7,000 other shade varieties along the main road to Alaungtaw Kathapa Pagoda, a popular pilgrimage site.

The campaign also aims to promote understanding more about the benefits of trees, which include beauty, improved air quality and better protection against flooding and soil erosion.

Sayadaw Ashin Waipone-



Saplings to be planted along road to Alaungtaw Kathapa.

la, the leading monk of the campaign, has planted over 1,000 trees annually during the last

six years along the road to the Alaungtaw Kathapa Pagoda.—Myo Win Tun (Monywa) ■

Compensations for properties in Katha-Bhamo railway project to be offered

RAILWAY authorities plan to provide compensation for properties within the Katha-Bhamo railway project area, said U Kamzar Mone, minister for Sagaing Region Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

The Ministry of Transport and Communications will pay

compensations to farmers impacted by the rail project after receiving of approval from the Central Farmland Management Body, which is currently calculating compensation amounts.

Agricultural subsidies for 303 acres of project-af-

ected lands will be given to those growers under the 2012 Farmland Law and bylaws, U Kamzar Mone said.

The Katha-Bhamo railway project has been underway since 2016. According to a project survey, there are 20 project-affected farmers in To-

kegyi Village-tract, 36 farmers in Moetagyi Village-tract, 11 farmers in Chaungwa Village-tract, 58 farmers in Minlel Village-tract, 18 farmers in Hmatetaing Village-tract and 44 farmers in Meikthalin Village-tract.—Myo Win Tun (Monywa) ■



Gold ornamental are displayed at a Gold and Jewellery shop in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

High global gold prices drive local price increases

GOLD prices are increasing in Myanmar, reflecting global prices, according to gold market participants. On Saturday, the price of pure gold in Yangon was Ks916,000 per tical (or .578 ounce) compared to a global price of \$1,284 per ounce, according to Aung Thamardi Gold and Jewellery Shop and Gold Refinery.

price was Ks920,000 per tical, according to local gold merchants. Local gold prices broke Ks900,000 per tical on 20 July and Ks912,800 on 10 August.

The global gold price was \$1,296 per ounce on 18 August, compared to \$1,279 per ounce on 10 August, a July high of \$1,268 per ounce and a July low of \$1,205 per ounce. — Mon Mon ■

Natural gas exports more than \$1 billion since April

NATURAL gas exports this fiscal year are worth US\$1 billion, \$90 million more than last year, according to the Commerce Ministry.

Myanmar's most productive gas fields include the offshore Shwe field, discovered in Rakhine in 2014 to supply China; the Yadana field, managed by Total Co. of France and supply-

ing Thailand and domestic consumption; the offshore Yedagon field in Taninthayi Region; and the offshore Zawtika field in the Gulf of Moattama and supplying Thailand. The Yadana field project, one of Myanmar's largest gas fields, produces about 800-900 million cubic feet of gas daily. The field is set to potentially expand under an exploration

project run by Total E&P Myanmar Co. Ltd.

Woodside Energy of Australia announced on 14 August that will explore petroleum and natural gas prospects at offshore blocks A-7 and AD-5 in Ayeyawady Region next year. They are currently conducting environmental and social impact assessments. —Ko Htet ■

External trade over past four months in deficit of more than \$2 billion

EXTERNAL trade over the past four months in the current fiscal year showed a deficit of more than US\$2 billion compared to \$1.3 billion during the same period last year, according to the Commerce Ministry.

From 1 April to 11 August, Myanmar foreign trade was about \$11.4 billion, which is \$1.7

billion more than last year. Myanmar exports were worth \$4.6 billion and imports were worth \$6.7 billion. Trade value by sea routes was estimated at \$8.8 billion and land ports of entry saw \$2.6 billion.

Agricultural exports, Myanmar's second largest, decreased about \$30 million

this year.

This year's deficit compares to \$5.3 billion in FY2016-2017, \$5.4 billion in FY2015-2016, \$4.9 billion in FY2014-2015, \$2.6 billion in FY2013-2014 and \$91.9 million in FY2012-2013, according to the Central Statistical Organization (CSO). — Ko Khant ■

Ornamental fish selling well in Kanthaya area, Monywa

ORNAMENTAL fish from Yangon and Mandalay are available at the same place of Kanthaya area, Monywa town every Sunday starting from 6 August.

Both the numbers of sellers and buyers increased yesterday, said Ko Hein, a pet fish seller.

When the-state-of-the art ornamental fish stalls were opened on 6 August, there were only 7 shops. And now, the shops reached 10. Only 20 ornamental fish species including Commet fish, Gold fish are sold in this

market. The prices of those fish range from Ks300 to Ks20,000 per head. A shop sold fish worth more than Ks20,000 on average. In addition to ornamental fish, glass fish tanks and aquatic feedstuff are also available at the shop, said Ko Hein.

Those pet fish stalls offer reasonable price because they want to create the recreation area for local residents.

The ornamental fish including Gold fish, ornamental turtle and colorful prawn are sold from 8 am to 12 pm in the

afternoon. The fish provided by the Fishery Department are planned to sell next week.

We can now buy the fish at same spot. Although there are high numbers of pet fish lovers in Monywa town, only small numbers of fish shops are found.

The sales of fish is likely to increase as the news of fish stalls at the same place spreading around Monywa town, said a pet fish lover from Monywa town. — Myo Win Tun (Monywa) ■

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တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့တိုင်း "Sunday Special" အချုပ်ပိုင် (၈) မျက်နှာပါဝင်သော The Global New Light of Myanmar နေ့စဉ်ထုတ် သတင်းစာကို အောက်ပါမြို့များတွင် ဖတ်ရှုနိုင်ပါပြီ

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ကလေး
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India investigates after fourth big train accident in past year kills 23

NEW DELHI — India began investigating on Sunday a train crash in which 23 people were killed, the fourth major accident over the past year on the world's fourth biggest rail network which is grappling with chronic under-investment and over-crowding.

The cause of the derailment about 130 km (80 miles) north of the capital New Delhi, in the state of Uttar Pradesh, was not known, said Northern Railways spokesman Neeraj Sharma.

Thirteen coaches of the train came off the tracks as it was heading to the Hindu holy city of Haridwar, police said.

The toll rose to 23 dead with at least 123 people injured.

Sharma said rescue operations had ended and a safety commissioner would launch an investigation later on Sunday. The driver of the train would be one of the first people to be questioned, Sharma said. He said the death toll could rise.

A senior official in the Uttar Pradesh government, Arvind Kumar, told the *Hindustan Times* the train driver had slammed on the brakes after spotting maintenance work on the tracks that had not been



Railway workers repair the tracks next to derailed coaches of a passenger train at the site of an accident in Khatauli, in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, India, on 20 August 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

properly signalled.

"It is too early to say what was the cause," Sharma said when asked about the report.

Train crashes are all too common in India after decades of poor investment and rising demand, which usually mean packed trains are running on creaking infrastructure.

Saturday's accident is at least the fourth major accident this year and the third in Uttar Pradesh in 2017.

A crash in November in Uttar Pradesh killed 150 people.

The network is in the middle of a \$130 billion (£100.98 billion), five-year modernisation.

In addition, the gov-

ernment launched a \$15 billion safety overhaul in February after the surge in accidents blamed on defective tracks.

But in June, Reuters reported that the overhaul was facing delays as the state steel company could not meet demand for new rails.—Reuters ■

Hiroshima marks 3rd anniversary of deadly landslides

HIROSHIMA — A memorial service was held Sunday to commemorate the third anniversary of landslides that claimed the lives of 77 people in the western Japan city of Hiroshima.

"I don't want anyone else to become a victim or a person feeling like us," said 77-year-old Takako Miyamoto, one of the speakers at the event. She lost her husband after torrential rain caused a series of landslides in residential areas close to mountains in the city early on 20 August, 2014.

"It is really painful and sad to have our lives ruined after losing everything, with our dear old houses destroyed," said Miyamoto, who also sustained a

serious injury in the landslide.

Touching on recent natural disasters in other places in Japan including torrential rain in Kyushu last month, she said she "sincerely hopes that no one else dies in a disaster."

About 400 houses were either washed away or damaged in the Hiroshima landslides.

"Residents are providing mutual support and the work to protect each other has progressed," Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui said at the ceremony joined by some 600 people. "We'd like to support these efforts."

The event was jointly host-

ed by the governments of Hiroshima city and prefecture in Asakita Ward, one of the hardest hit areas.

Bereaved families and residents visited the devastated sites early Sunday to offer flowers and pray for the victims. Some rubbed the names of victims listed on a monument and put their hands together in tears.

Residents of the devastated area were not informed of the landslide risk, as many of the sites were not designated as a warning zone in accordance with the law on prevention of landslide disasters.

Following the disaster,

the state revised the law and obliged prefectural governments to swiftly make public the results of basic investigations of terrain and geological conditions. The revised law came into effect in January 2015.

According to the Hiroshima prefectural government, emergency work since the disaster to make 57 locations more resistant to landslides was completed in May this year.

The prefecture is expected to designate around 50,000 locations as landslide warning zones, but only about 40 per cent of the areas had been so designated as of 10 August.—Kyodo News ■

Philippines deploys troops to a 2nd province to fight bird flu

MANILA — The Philippines has deployed more troops to cull thousands of chickens one day after the farm ministry confirmed the spread of bird flu into a second province north of the capital, Manila.

More than 100 soldiers were sent on Saturday to the towns of Jaen and San Isidro in Nueva Ecija province after two cases of avian flu were detected in quails, army spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Isagani Nato said in a statement.

The new bird flu cases were about 50 km (30 miles) from the initial outbreak in a swampy area of Pampanga that is a sanctuary for migratory birds from China.

Authorities have not determined the cause of the bird flu outbreak, nor the exact strain, on which tests are being done in Australia.

There has been no case of human transmission in either outbreak, and early tests have ruled out highly pathogenic H5N1 strain.

Nato said the deployment in Nueva Ecija followed a request from the Bureau of Animal Industry in the Department of Agriculture for assistance "after confirming a new incident of bird flu outbreak".

He said troops were now undergoing training on how to do their jobs.

The 300 soldiers sent to Pampanga on Thursday culled nearly 30,000 chicken from a farm within a one kilometre radius of the first bird flu outbreak.

The farm ministry said about 600,000 chickens on about 36 farms in Pampanga will be culled. It did not say how many will be culled in the second province.—Reuters ■

Australian PM urges developers to design protection from vehicle attacks

MELBOURNE — Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull called on Sunday for developers to incorporate safety features into their projects to prevent militant attacks with vehicles and other weapons as he announced new plans to protect the public.

Turnbull unveiled Australia's first national strategy to protect crowded places, which he said was initiated after an Islamist militant drove a truck into crowds in the French city of Nice in last year, killing 84 people.

It comes days after a similar attack in the Spanish city of Barcelona killed 13 and injuring more than 100, and follows a string of similar vehicle attacks around the world.

Turnbull told reporters the plan was designed for councils, businesses and venue operators to stop attacks with vehicles as well as with guns, knives, bombs or chemical devices.

Steps include the installation of bollards along main streets, and at shopping centres and outside sporting grounds.

Turnbull said while sites



Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull walks with officials and security personnel along a street before holding a media conference announcing Australia's national security plan to protect public places in central Sydney, Australia, on 20 August 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

would be better protected, developers had to incorporate safety features into new projects on the drawing board.

"The best mitigation are done at the design," he said.

"The most important thing is that, as you get new developments, new plans, that security measures are put in place at that time."

"The threat is constantly

evolving, and so what we have to do is make sure that we too are constantly improving and updating the measures we have to keep Australians safe."

Australia, a staunch US

ally that has sent troops to Afghanistan and Iraq, has been on alert for attacks by home-grown militants returning from fighting in the Middle East, or their supporters.

There have been several "lone wolf" attacks and officials say 13 significant plots have been foiled in the past few years.

In January, a man drove into pedestrians in the city of Melbourne, killing four and injuring more than 20.

Police said that incident was not terrorism-related but the city has put up about 140 concrete bollards around its centre.

Turnbull said the government was concerned about a young Australian who remains unaccounted for following the Barcelona attack.

The seven-year-old boy, Julian Cadman, who British media says has British and Australian nationality, was separated from his mother who was taken to hospital in serious condition.

"We pray that little boy will be found and be restored alive to his parents," he said.

—Reuters ■

Cambodian PM starts weekly meetings with garment, shoe factory workers

PHNOM PENH — Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen held a get-together ceremony with about 4,270 garment and shoe factory workers here on Sunday, marking his start of weekly campaign to meet workers in the industry across the kingdom.

The prime minister announced the initiative earlier this month with the aim of increasing friendliness and better understanding the demands and concerns of workers.

Posting to his official Face-

book page after the get-together ceremony at Koh Pich island in Phnom Penh, Hun Sen said he decided to let the workers use public transport services free for two years to help them reduce their daily expenses.

"(Garment and footwear) workers will be allowed to ride public buses free-of-charge for two years, starting from 20 August, 2017 to 20 August, 2019," he said.

"They just show their labor cards when they ride the buses."

According to the prime min-

ister, from January 2018, the employers would be 100 per cent responsible for health insurance services for the workers, so they could save at least 2 to 3 US dollars a month.

Also, he said the workers would receive their pension from 2019 onwards.

Garment and footwear industry is Cambodia's largest foreign exchange earner. According to government figures, the Southeast Asian country earned 7.3 billion US dollars from garment and footwear product

exports in 2016, accounting for 74 per cent of the country's total export.

The industry consists of some 1,100 factories, employing more than 740,000 workers, mostly females, and the monthly minimum wage for a worker is 153 dollars in 2017, up 9.2 per cent from 140 dollars in 2016.

Hun Sen said that garment and shoe factory workers could see their monthly minimum wages grow by at least 9.8 per cent to 168 dollars for 2018 from the current 153 dollars.—Xinhua ■

10 people awarded death penalty over plot to assassinate Bangladeshi PM Hasina

DHAKA — A special tribunal in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka has handed death penalty to 10 people for planting a 76-kg bomb in 2000 with a view to assassinating the then opposition leader and incumbent Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Dhaka's Special Trial Tribunal-2 Judge Momtaz Begum on Sunday handed down the verdict in presence of the several accused, who are members of a

local banned militant outfit Harakat-ul-Jehad-al-Islami (HUJI).

Begum also sentenced one person to life term imprisonment and nine others to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment.

Subject to confirmation of the apex court, the judge said the death row convicts will be executed in firing squad.

The court also acquitted four other accused as charges brought against them were not

proven.

The 76-kg bomb was found while a stage was being set up at a college ground in Bangladesh's Gopalganj district, about 140 km away from Dhaka, on 21 July in 2000 where Sheikh Hasina was supposed to address an election campaign rally next day.

The bomb was recovered by law enforcers before Hasina addressed the rally there.

Of the 25 accused in the two

cases filed over an attempted murder and explosives, HUJI chief Mufti Hannan has already been executed in another case for the 2004 grenade attack on then British high commissioner to Bangladesh.

Defence lawyer Faruk Ahammad told journalists that eight accused are currently behind the bar, one has been granted bail while 15 others are fugitives.—Xinhua ■

Heavy rain to hit central China

BEIJING — Heavy rain will fall in parts of central China in the next 24 hours, the country's meteorological agency said Sunday.

Southern parts of Anhui and Jiangsu, the eastern part of Hubei, and western part of the Sichuan Basin will have thunderstorms and gales, the National Meteorological Centre said.

From 21-23 August, parts of the northwest and north China will see torrential rain, including northern Shaanxi, central and northern parts of Shanxi and central Hebei.

The meteorological agency warned the public to take appropriate precautions.—Xinhua ■

Just 30 minutes

Tin Maung Than

PEOPLE can obtain maximum benefits from regular physical exercise without sparing so much time for it. Generally, an adult may need just about 30 minutes of moderate exercise no less than five days per week as physical activity will make him feel better, gain extra energy and perhaps even enjoy longevity.

To stay healthy, a person needs regular exercise because physical ac-

tivity can help him maintain a healthy weight, an important factor for today's desk-bound people. According to medical surveys, exercise can prevent dreadful diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, some cancers and heart problems. What's more, people who are leading an active life live longer and happier.

The main point here is that a person needs to find the most suitable exercise for him. Normally, brisk walking, hiking or even stair-climbing are

some kinds of exercises he can do without much difficulty. He can also choose dancing, swimming or gardening and there are other options such as jogging, running, bicycling and rowing. He can also join with his friends in team sports like soccer, volleyball and sepak takraw or go to the fitness classes.

If a person wants to lose more weight or meet specific fitness goals, he may need to exercise more. But the amount of physical activity he needs to do every day is fixed by his own age.

He can also take some advice from his family doctor or other physician to choose the best exercise for him and the amount of time and activity he needs.

Another bonanza is exercise and physical activity can provide an opportunity to relax, enjoy the open-air and natural scenery or spend an enjoyable time.

A day has 1,440 minutes and a person needs only 30 of them to enjoy all the benefits of physical activity. ■

We should exercise as the expressions composed in Myanmar National Anthem

By: Tommy Pauk

IN the opening speech of the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at the "Forum on Myanmar Democratic Transition" in Nay Pyi Taw on 11th August 2017, she had stressed the essence and powerful words composed in our National Anthem. She also exhorted us to practice and materialize in accordance with the words used in our National Anthem. Every Myanmar citizen salutes our national flag and sings our National Anthem on many significant occasions or daily school assembly etc., Even when Myanmar sports contingent participate in International games, they sing National Anthem and salute the national flag. Thus, we should bear in mind that we ought to safeguard our own independence with spirit of patriotism all the time indeed. Our National Anthem reflects the vow and duty of our forefathers and we must continuously vow with patriotism and union spirit as well.

We heard that Myanmar National Anthem fascinated the International visitors who watched and supported Rio World Olympic Games in August 2016. The tremendous news was that Myanmar National Anthem was selected as the second best enchanted anthem among 208 countries participated in the Games. Obviously, the strong tune and seriousness of Myanmar National Anthem attracted the international spectators. Therefore, we Myanmar were greatly proud of the standing of Myanmar National Anthem as a significant anthem which attracts the multi-national Olympic Games fans with tune and words. International

Our National Anthem reflects the vow and duty of our forefathers and we must continuously vow with patriotism and union spirit as well.

spectators and visitors were fascinated by Myanmar National Anthem in Rio Olympic Games. As we can hear many National Anthems of different nations or societies across the world, we notice that they do have qualities. Anyway, Myanmar National Anthem had captivated those attended Rio World Olympic Games in August 2016. We were very proud of the enchantment of Myanmar National Anthem on international people.

We honor the composer and the tune player those who had made Myanmar National Anthem which depicts overwhelming characteristics. Myanmar National Anthem also reminds all Union brethren to have unity and to equally enjoy the legacy handed down from our forefathers of yore. Most importantly we must be obliged to safeguard our land as a national task, the Anthem highlighted. Our National Anthem, in fact, is some sort of guiding principle for us

to comply with patriotism and unity among our national brethren consistently forever. Merely singing National Anthem is not enough to show that we love our country and we have to safeguard our country. Essentially, we might protect our country from the acts of disintegration of the union and uphold the union spirit from one generation to another.

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Where prevail justice and independence,
It's our country ... our land.
Where prevail equal rights and correct policies,
For people to lead a peaceful life,
It's our country ... our land.
We solemnly pledge to preserve,
The Union, and the heritage, for perpetuity.^[4]

Until the world ends up shattering,
long live Myanmar!
We love our land because this is our real inheritance.
Until the world ends up shattering,
long live Myanmar!

We love our land because this is our real inheritance.
We will sacrifice our lives to protect our country,
This is our nation, this is our land and it belongs to us.
Being our nation and our land, let us do good causes to our nation in unity!
And this is our very duty to our invaluable land.
We shall love, forevermore
Myanmar the land of our fathers of yore!
We shall love, forevermore
Myanmar the land of our fathers of yore!
Giving our lives for our union we fight,
This is our country, our land, ours by right.
We, for her the tasks responsibly shoulder,
As we'll stand in duty to this, our precious land. ■

Myanmar National Anthem also reminds all Union brethren to have unity and to equally enjoy the legacy handed down from our forefathers of yore.



Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win at a commercial teak plantation. PHOTO: MNA

Union Minister for Commerce attends 86th Izmir International Trade Exhibition

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Commerce U Than Myint left Yangon International Airport for Turkey to attend 86th Izmir International Trade Exhibition from 18-27 August in Izmir, Turkey on 15 August.

The Union Minister attended the opening ceremony of the Izmir International Trade Exhibition on 18 August. Ministers from 26 countries attended the exhibition sponsored by Ministry of Economy and Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology. Fair for industrial goods of energy resource, any vehicles and products from many countries were exhibited.

The Union Minister met with Minister of Science, Industry and Technology Mr. Faruk Wzlu, Izmir Mayor, chairmen of Merchant Association and Industry and Business Association separately.

During the separate meetings, they discussed bilateral relations, promoting trade and investment, raising of rice and beans exports from Myanmar to Turkey, creation of new markets through such fair exhibitions between the two countries, and technological supports for trade development. After the discussion, the Myanmar delegation toured the industrial zone in Izmir, Turkey.— Myanmar News Agency ■



Union Minister for Commerce U Than Myint attends Izmir International Fair Exhibition in Turkey. PHOTO: MNA

Union Minister visits elephant camps in Ayeyawady Region

Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win met officials in Pathein, the capital of Ayeyawady Region on 18 August and discussed elephant habitat expansion, human-elephant conflicts, formation of Emergency Elephant Response Units-EERU, and anti-poaching teams and their functions.

He also dealt with the capture of orphaned elephant cubs,

establishment of a system to report wild elephant rampages and human casualties, elephant camps for public recreation in Ngwehsaung, Thitgateaing and Moemakha.

The minister held informal talks with Rector of Pathein University Dr Nyunt Pe in which discussions were centred on regeneration, establish and conservation of mangrove forests.

After inspecting the elephants at Ngwehsaung camp,

he provided food, exercise books and stationery to families living there.

He visited a 150-acre commercial teak plantation of Taungmyanaung forest reserve in Ingapu Township, another 150-acre commercial teak plantation at a forest reserve in Myanaung Township and a limestone hill in Kyangin Township which is providing raw material to a nearby cement factory.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Pearl Auction ends

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Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, was renowned for its South Sea pearls in the 1800s, when the nomadic and sometimes enslaved Salon or Moken people, also known as “sea gypsies,” dived for natural pearls around the 800 islands of the Myeik Archipelago in the far south of the country.

The industry flourished

with the advent of professional diving equipment, leading to attempts to regulate oyster harvesting by British colonial rulers.

The port of Myeik became a boom town, and Mumbai, then called Bombay, a center for pearl trading -- which Indians still dominate today.

Myanmar’s celebrated return to the international fold

has also helped.

“The lifting of sanctions allowed Myanmar pearls to be seen around the world and sold as Myanmar pearls,” said Craig Henderson, an Australian who spent five years as a pearl farmer in Myanmar. “Deep golden [pearls] have suddenly become popular and are now the most valued.” —MNA/GNLM ■

Suspected contraband confiscated in Mon State

LAW enforcement authorities confiscated about Ks103 million worth of unauthorized goods on 19 August in two separate inspection cases at a vehicle checkpoint at Ma-yanchaung, Kyaikto Township, Mon State on 19 August.

At Yaypu checkpoint the same day, authorities confis-

cated Ks90 million worth of illegal goods in five different investigations.

These two inspection stations were reopened on 1 March, 2017 to deter the transport of illegal goods along the Yangon- Myawady road and Mandalay-Muse Pyidaungsu road.—GLNM ■

Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their works to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Real name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).— Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar news office

Germany bets on second time lucky with migrant workers

GESCHER, (Germany) — As Germany struggles to absorb more than a million migrants from the Middle East and Africa, the government is hoping to avoid the mistakes it made half a century ago when it brought in a generation of guest workers from Turkey.

In the 1960s, hundreds of thousands of Turkish men were invited in to fill labour shortages. But Germany made no attempt to help them learn the language or upgrade their skills.

The result is that three million Turks in Germany are still struggling today. They are the least integrated minority, with an unemployment rate of about 16 per cent, almost three times the national average.

Now, two years after it threw open its doors to the latest migrants, Germany has devised an integration strategy based on language and job training intended to get the newcomers into work and off welfare. Among the changes are 600 hours of mandatory language lessons and fast-tracked work permits.

These measures are starting to show signs of success: a growing number of migrants are joining a labour market where a record 1.1 million jobs are unfilled.

“Things are very different



Eritrean migrants receive food after arriving by plane from Italy at the first registration camp in Erding near Munich, Germany, in 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

here,” said Merhawi Tesfay, a 32-year-old Eritrean who was hired by Kremer Machine Systems, an engineering company in the town of Gescher in western Germany.

“In Eritrea you find work through word of mouth. Here you have the Job Centre and online job sites. Everything comes with too much bureaucracy and my German wasn’t good enough.”

Tesfay was hired initially as a trainee and then full-time, through ELNet, a government-funded project run by charities who assign mentors to refugees. He had been looking for work for almost three years.

Waves of migrants, many forced to flee Syria’s civil war,

began arriving in large numbers two years ago, one of the biggest migration movements Europe had seen since World War II.

The challenge now for Germany, which took in the largest number of the incomers in western Europe, is to integrate them into society over the long term.

With its strong economy, Germany is better placed than many European countries, especially in southern Europe, to accept migrants. German unemployment is at its lowest since 1990 and seven straight years of growth mean the government can afford to put aside more than 10 billion euros a year for refugees.

“The lesson that Germany learnt is that integration is

something you work on,” said Herbert Bruecker of Humboldt University of Berlin. “It doesn’t happen on its own”.

When the first Turkish guest workers arrived in the 1960s, German politicians, still preoccupied with rebuilding the economy after World War II, regarded them as a temporary measure. The perception was that Turks were guests who would go back home.

The Turks of course did not go home. And their wives and children began following them, just as the oil crisis of the early 1970s pushed Germany into a recession that cost many guest workers their jobs.

With low skills and little grasp of the language, many found it hard to find work again as Germany shifted away from industry towards automation and services.

This time, Germany has taken a different approach.

One month after her decision to open Germany’s borders to refugees fleeing war and persecution, Chancellor Angela Merkel told parliament in September 2015 that Germany should learn from its mistakes with the Turkish guest workers and seek to integrate asylum seekers from day one. —Reuters ■

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Shipbuilding plant blast kills four workers in South Korea:

Yonhap

SEOUL— An explosion on an oil tanker at an STX Offshore & Shipbuilding plant killed four workers Sunday in Changwon, South Korea’s South Gyeongsang Province, Yonhap reported.

The victims, in 30s to 50s, were conducting painting inside a 12-meter-deep oil tank at 11:37 a.m. local time (0237 GMT) at the plant in Changwon city, some 450 km southeast of Seoul, Yonhap quoted sources from the national fire agency as saying.

The oil tanker, with the capacity of 74,000 tons, is scheduled to be delivered to a Greek shipping company in October.—Xinhua ■

Iran protects nuclear deal from being torn up by US

TEHRAN — Iran’s President Hassan Rouhani said Sunday that Iran’s top foreign policy priority is to protect the nuclear deal from being torn up by the United States. Rouhani indicated a week ago that Iran was ready to walk out on the nuclear deal if the United States continued to apply fresh sanctions.

But Rouhani has insisted the deal remains the preferred way forward.—Xinhua ■

UK to release tranche of Brexit position papers

LONDON — Britain will issue a cluster of new papers this week to outline its strategy positions in divorce talks with the European Union, ranging from regulation of goods to data protection, the UK’s Brexit department said on Sunday.

Prime Minister Theresa May’s government wants to push discussions with the EU beyond a focus on settling divorce arrangements to its future relationship with the bloc to bring clarity to anxious businesses, citizens and investors.

Last week, Britain issued proposals for a future customs agreement with the EU and a solution for Northern Ireland

to avoid a return of border posts with the Republic of Ireland which might inflame tensions.

Britain’s Brexit department said on Sunday it would issue two formal position papers this week along with a batch of proposals for discussions on future relations ahead of the next round of negotiations scheduled for later this month.

“In the coming days we will demonstrate our thinking even further, with five new papers — all part of our work to drive the talks forward, and make sure we can show beyond doubt that we have made sufficient progress on withdrawal issues by October so that we can move on to

discuss our future relationship,” Britain’s Brexit minister David Davis said in a statement.

In July, the EU’s top Brexit negotiator, Michel Barnier, said talks on future relations had become less likely to start in October because of a lack of progress on issues such as how much Britain should pay to leave the EU, the future rights of British and EU citizens, and how to manage a land border in Ireland.

EU officials said progress had been difficult because Britain had no position at all on many issues and that an already-tight timetable could be delayed ahead of the scheduled March 2019 exit. The release

of a swathe of papers this week underlines Britain’s desire to counter that criticism.

One will be a technical paper dealing with services associated with the production, sale and distribution of goods, along with their operation and repair, which Britain’s Brexit department said should form part of the exit negotiations.

“It’s basically about ensuring that when we leave there isn’t a situation where goods on the market that have been validated and checked, all of sudden we have a need for businesses to have to go through compliance checks,” a spokesman said. —Reuters ■

115 militants killed in Afghan forces’ operations in 24 hours: gov’t

KABUL — Up to 115 armed militants were killed and 105 others wounded during operations launched by the Afghan security forces within a day, said the country’s Defence Ministry on Sunday.

“The Afghan National Defence and Security Forces conducted 20 clean up operations, 22 special operations and two night raid operations in 13 of the 34 Afghan provinces over the past 24 hours. As a result 115 militants were killed, 105 injured and three others arrested,” the ministry said in a statement providing daily operational updates.—Xinhua ■

Syrian army pounds rebel areas near Damascus after Russian brokered truce

AMMAN — Syrian jets and artillery struck rebel-held eastern Damascus suburbs on Saturday a day after a Russian sponsored ceasefire with a rebel group agreed a halt of fighting in the last opposition enclave in the capital, rebels and witnesses said.

The Russian defence ministry said on Friday it had reached a ceasefire that took effect at 21.00 hrs Moscow time (1800 GMT) with Failaq al Rahman, the main Free Syrian Army (FSA) group fending off a two-month widescale Syrian army offensive in Jobar district and nearby town of Ain Tarma.

A spokesman for Failaq al Rahman said both Jobar, which lies some 2 km (1.2 miles) east of the Old City wall, and nearby Ain Tarma on the edge of Eastern Ghouta witnessed army strikes and shelling soon after the ceasefire went into effect.

“After the first few hours ... there were many violations midnight they dropped barrel bombs and from the morning there have been strikes across the Ghouta,” Wael Alwan, spokesman for the group, said.

At least five civilians were killed in the towns of Hamouriya and Zalamka and fighters said there were several case of suf-



Children walk past rubble of damaged buildings at Ain Tarma, eastern Damascus suburb of Ghouta, Syria, on 19 July, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

focation from rockets filled with chlorine that were fired at the front lines of Jobar and Ain Tarma, he added.

The Syrian army elite 4th Division has been trying unsuccessfully to storm Jobar and residents say the army has retaliated for its heavy losses by shelling residential areas, leaving scores killed and wounded since the campaign

was launched.

Moscow said on Friday that the ceasefire meant an earlier one announced last month in Eastern Ghouta now included all the moderate opposition groups in the main rebel stronghold that stretches from eastern to north-eastern suburbs of Damascus.

The army has not commented on the latest Russian agree-

ment with Failaq al Rahman whom it considers a terrorist group that threatens the capital. It however says it abides by truces Moscow has brokered.

Many fighters welcomed the ceasefire to help alleviate plight of civilians most hurt by aerial strikes but remain deeply sceptical about Russia's readiness to get the Syrian army to stick to the

terms of a cessation of fighting in several de-escalation zones that Russia has already announced

Moscow had already begun to deploy military police in several areas across Syria such as in southwestern Syria where “de-escalation” zones had been announced.

“This shows the lack of seriousness by the Russia to put pressure on the regime,” Alwan added. Failaq al Rahman said the Syrian army bombardment appeared to be an attempt to wreck a ceasefire deal whose main points included deploying Russian military police along the frontline, the release of detainees and allowing humanitarian goods into the besieged Eastern Ghouta. “It seems the regime wants to take advantage of the opportunity to take revenge for its big losses during their many attempts to storm the Ghouta before the Russian military police enter to disengage the forces,” Alwan told Reuters.

Outnumbered and out-gunned, local rebels fortified in elaborate tunnels and deploying ambushes have repelled repeated attempts to storm their stronghold, inflicting dozens of losses on the army since the campaign began.—Reuters ■

Moroccan asylum seeker ‘targeted women’ in Finland knife attack

HELSINKI/TURKU (Finland) — A Moroccan man who was arrested for killing two women in a knife rampage was an asylum seeker who appeared to have targeted women in Finland's first terrorism-related attack, police and a Red Cross official said on Saturday. The 18-year-old suspect, arrested in the city of Turku following Friday's attack in which eight other people — six of them women — were wounded, arrived in Finland last year, police said. Police shot the suspect in the leg before his arrest. Police also arrested four other Moroccan men over possible links to him and issued an international arrest warrant for a sixth Moroccan, they said. Finnish broadcaster MTV, citing an unnamed source, said the main suspect had been denied asylum in Finland, although police said only he had been “part of the asylum process”. The manager of the Red Cross reception



A woman plays a traditional Finnish string instrument, kantele, at the Market Square where several people were stabbed, in Turku, Finland, on 18 August, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

centre in Turku, where flags flew at half-mast on Saturday, told Reuters the suspect was an asylum seeker. “I cannot comment on the application's outcome,” Heimo Nurmi said. He said police visited the centre on Friday and had detained several people. “The arrests were non-violent,” he added. It was not clear if the

attack was in any way linked to the suspect's asylum application.

The case marks the first suspected terror attack in Finland, where violent crime is relatively rare. Police said they were investigating possible links to Thursday's deadly van attack in the Spanish city of Barcelona. —Reuters ■

Israel's Netanyahu to discuss Middle East with Putin

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will discuss the Middle East with Russian President Vladimir Putin when they meet in the Russian resort of Sochi next week, his office said on Saturday.

Israel is concerned Iran is trying to establish a permanent military foothold in Syria. Netanyahu said in a speech last week that Israel was watching developments and would act against any threat.

Iran, Israel's arch-enemy, has been Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's staunchest backer and has provided militia fighters to help him.

Russia, also Assad's ally, is seen as holding the balance of power in achieving a deal on Syria's future.

Israeli leaders have pointed to Tehran's steadily increasing influence in the region during the six-year-old Syrian conflict, whether via its own Revolutionary Guard forces or Shi'ite Muslim proxies, especially Hezbollah.

Netanyahu has said that Israel has carried out dozens of strikes to prevent weapons-smuggling to the Iranian-backed Lebanese group Hezbollah via Syria.

Two years ago, Israel and Russia agreed to coordinate military actions over Syria in order to avoid accidentally trading fire. —Reuters ■

Boston march against hate speech avoids Charlottesville chaos

BOSTON — Tens of thousands of people took to the streets of Boston on Saturday to protest a "free speech" rally featuring far-right speakers a week after a woman was killed at a Virginia white-supremacist demonstration.

Rally organizers had invited several far-right speakers who were confined to a small pen that police set up in the historic Boston Common park to keep the two sides separate.

The city avoided a repeat of last weekend's bloody street battles in Charlottesville, Virginia, where one woman was killed.

Police estimated that as many as 40,000 people packed into the streets around the nation's oldest park.

Officials had spent a week planning security for the event, mobilizing 500 police officers, including many on bikes, and placing barricades and large white dump trucks on streets along the park, aiming to deter car-based attacks like those seen in Charlottesville and Europe.



Counter protesters clash with Boston Police outside of the Boston Commons and the Boston Free Speech Rally in Boston, Massachusetts, US, on 19 August 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

The rally never numbered more than a few dozen people, and its speakers could not be heard due to the shouts of those protesting it and the wide se-

curity cordon between the two sides. It wrapped up about an hour earlier than planned.

Protesters surrounded people leaving the rally, shouting

"shame" and "go home" and occasionally throwing plastic water bottles. Police escorted several rally participants through the crowds, sometimes struggling

against protesters who tried to stop them.

Some people dressed in black with covered faces several times swarmed rally attendees, including two men wearing the "Make America Great Again" caps from President Donald Trump's campaign.

The violence in Charlottesville triggered the biggest domestic crisis yet for Trump, who provoked ire across the political spectrum for not immediately condemning white nationalists and for praising "very fine people" on both sides of the fight.

On Saturday, Trump on Twitter praised the Boston protesters.

"I want to applaud the many protestors in Boston who are speaking out against bigotry and hate. Our country will soon come together as one!" Trump tweeted. "Our great country has been divided for decades. Sometimes you need protest in order to heal, & we will heal, & be stronger than ever before!"—Reuters ■

Spain hunts for driver in van rampage, says Islamist cell dismantled

RIPOLL/BARCELONA, (Spain) — Police were searching on Saturday for the driver of a van that killed 13 people when it ploughed into a crowd in Barcelona and were trying to determine whether two other suspected Islamist militants linked to the attack had died or were at large.

The Spanish government said it considered it had dismantled the cell behind Thursday's Barcelona rampage and an attack early on Friday in the Catalan seaside town of Cambrils.

Police arrested four people in connection with the attacks Barcelona and Cambrils, where a woman was killed when a car rammed passersby on Friday. Five attackers wearing fake explosive belts were also shot dead in the Catalan town.

"The cell has been fully dismantled in Barcelona, after examining the people who died, the people who were arrested and carrying out identity checks," Interior Minister Juan Ignacio Zoido told a news conference.

But authorities have yet to identify the driver of the van



Police officers stand at a road block at the beginning of fiestas in Bilbao, Spain, on 19 August 2017, after a van ran down pedestrians in Barcelona's Las Ramblas on Thursday. PHOTO: REUTERS

and his whereabouts are unclear, while police and officials in the northeastern region of Catalonia said they still needed to locate up to two other people.

Investigators are focusing on a group of at least 12 suspects believed to be behind the deadliest attacks to hit Spain in more than a decade.

In little more than a year, militants have used vehicles as weapons to kill nearly 130 people in France, Germany, Britain,

Sweden and Spain.

None of the nine people arrested or shot dead by police are believed to be the driver who sped into Las Ramblas, leaving a trail of dead and injured among the crowds of tourists and local residents strolling along the Barcelona boulevard.

A Moroccan-born 22-year-old called Younes Abouyaaqoub was among those being sought, according to the mayor's office in the Catalan town of Ripoll,

where he and other suspects lived.

Spanish media reported that Abouyaaqoub may have been the driver of the van in Barcelona, but police and Catalan officials could not confirm this.

The driver in the Barcelona attack abandoned the van and fled on foot on Thursday after ploughing into the crowd. Fifty people were still in hospital on Saturday following that attack, with 13 in a critical condition.

Many were foreign tourists. The Mediterranean region of Catalonia is thronged in the summer months with visitors drawn to its beaches and the port city of Barcelona's museums and tree-lined boulevards.

Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attacks in Cambrils and Barcelona, a statement by the jihadist group said on Saturday.

Police searched a flat in Ripoll on Friday in their hunt for people connected to the attacks, the ninth raid so far on homes in the town nestled in the foothills of the Pyrenees near the French border.—Reuters ■

Eighteen semi trucks set on fire in southern Chile

SANTIAGO — Eighteen semi trucks used to transport food were set on fire in a parking lot in the southern Chilean city of Temuco on Saturday, local authorities said.

The incident appeared to be intentional and the governor of the region of Araucania, Nora Barrientos, told local radio that evidence gathered at the scene linked the fires to Weichan Auka Mapu, a resistance group formed by the indigenous Mapuche.

Weichan Auka Mapu has previously claimed responsibility for arson attacks in southern Chile, where it wants to regain land lost during Chile's nineteenth century expansion southward into Mapuche-held territory. Barrientos said authorities were investigating and evaluating legal actions.—Reuters ■

Solar eclipse presents first major test of power grid in renewable era

HOUSTON—As Monday's total solar eclipse sweeps from Oregon to South Carolina, US electric power and grid operators will be glued to their monitoring systems in what for them represents the biggest test of the renewable energy era.

Utilities and grid operators have been planning for the event for years, calculating the timing and drop in output from solar, running simulations of the potential impact on demand, and lining up standby power sources. It promises a critical test of their ability to manage a sizeable swing in renewable power.

Solar energy now accounts for more than 42,600 megawatts (MW), about 5 per cent of the US's peak demand, up from 5 MW in 2000, according to the



An array of solar panels are seen in Oakland, California, US on 4 December 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), a group formed to improve the nation's power system in the wake of a 1964 blackout. When the next eclipse comes to the United States in 2024, solar will account for 14 per cent of the nation's power, estimates NERC.

For utilities and solar farms, the eclipse repre-

sents an opportunity to see how well prepared their systems are to respond to rapid swings in an era where variable energy sources such as solar and wind are climbing in scale and importance.

Power companies view Monday's event as a "test bed" on how power systems can manage a major change in supply,

said John Moura, director of reliability assessment and system analysis at the North American Electric Reliability Corp.

"It has been tested before, just not at this magnitude," adds Steven Greenlee, a spokesman for the California Independent System Operator (CISO), which controls routing power in the nation's most populous state.

CISO estimates that at the peak of the eclipse, the state's normal solar output of about 8,800 MW will be reduced to 3,100 MW and then surge to more than 9,000 MW when the sun returns.

CISO's preparation includes studying how German utilities dealt with a 2015 eclipse in that country. Its review prompted the grid overseer to add an additional 200 MW to

its normal 250 MW power reserves.

"We've calculated that during the eclipse, that solar will ramp off at about 70 MW per minute," said Greenlee. "And then we'll see the solar rolling back at about 90 MW per minute or more."

Power utilities say the focus will be on managing a rapid drop off and accommodate the solar surge post the eclipse. Utility executives say they do not expect any interruption in service, but are prepared to ask customers to pare usage if a problem arises. "We want to assure our customers that we have secured enough resources to meet their energy needs, even with significantly less solar generation on hand," said Caroline Winn, chief operating officer at utility San Diego Gas & Electric Co.

In the Eastern United States, utilities will have more time to watch the results of their Western counterparts. PJM Interconnection, which coordinates electricity transmission among 13 states from Michigan to North Carolina, says non-solar sources such as hydro and fossil fuel can easily supplant the 400 MW to 2,500 MW solar loss, depending on the cloud cover.

For small-scale solar providers, the eclipse is a drop in the revenue bucket. Ron Strom, a North Carolina real estate developer, sells the power from a 58 kilovolt system atop a commercial property in Chapel Hill to Duke Energy. "The event may cost me eight-teen cents or thereabouts if my panels don't produce solar for three hours," said Strom.—Reuters ■

Trump has made Afghanistan decision after 'rigorous' US review — Mattis

AMMAN — President Donald Trump has made a decision on the United States' strategy for Afghanistan after a "sufficiently rigorous" review process, Defence Secretary Jim Mattis said on Sunday.

However, Mattis did not provide details on when the White House would make an announcement or what the decision was on Afghanistan, where fighting still rages more than 15 years after US forces invaded and overthrew a Taliban government.

Soon after taking office in January the Trump administration began a review of US policy on Afghanistan, which has expanded into a broader South Asia review.

"I am very comfortable that the strategic process was sufficiently rigorous and did not go in with a pre-set position," Mattis told reporters travelling with him aboard a military aircraft to Jordan. "The president has made a decision. As he said, he wants to be the one to an-



US Defence Secretary Jim Mattis speaks at the opening of the 53rd Munich Security Conference in Munich, Germany, on 17 February 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

nounce it to the American people."

After Trump met with his national security aides on Friday to review an array of options for Afghan strategy, the White House said no decision had been made on whether he would commit more troops to America's longest war. However, Trump tweeted on Saturday: "many decisions made, including on Afghanistan".

US officials have told Reuters that the president was expected to be briefed on options ranging from a

complete withdrawal of US troops in Afghanistan to a modest increase.

One US official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said Trump's top national security aides are backing adding between 3,000 and 5,000 troops and allowing them to embed with Afghan forces closer to combat.

Michael Kugelman, with the Woodrow Wilson Center think tank in Washington, said an extended strategy review was somewhat positive because it showed that all options were being considered. However, recent gains by Taliban militants made it imperative that a strategy be announced soon.

According to US estimates, government forces control less than 60 percent of Afghanistan, with almost half the country either contested or under the control of the insurgents.

"The Taliban insurgency has never been stronger... We need a strategy to address all this, and fast," Kugelman said.—Reuters ■

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Nothing wrong in doing a two-hero film: Ayushmann

MUMBAI — Ayushmann Khurrana says an actor can be a part of a two-hero film if the script is good and doesn't see any problem in that.

Recently, filmmaker Rohit Shetty had reportedly said his "Ram Lakhan" remake fell through because the male actors were insecure about working together.

In his latest, "Bareilly Ki Barfi", Ayushmann is sharing screen with Rajkummar Rao for the first time on screen.

In an interview to PTI, Ayushmann says, "I've never done a two-hero film and its okay to do it. In 'Vicky Donor', Anu Kapoor, I thought, had a more author-backed role than me. But

he wasn't my contemporary, Rajkummar is. But if the script is good, then why not. Once in a while, it's good to do a two hero film."

The actor says he was the one who suggested Rajkummar's name for the film, despite knowing that his character will get all the appreciation.

"I love him (Rajkummar) as a person and an actor. I was the one who suggested his name for the character. His role is more author-backed than mine. I knew he will get all the good reviews for acting in the film.

"I won't be surprised if they say 'he stole the show' because his role is like that, transition from a meek to an aggressive

guy. I trigger that change but he is doing it," the 32-year-old actor adds.

The "Meri Pyaari Bindu" star says he looks up to Rajkummar's ability of transforming himself in all of his film.

"We are similar in a way but the kind of films we've done are slightly different. He has done mostly alternate cinema, I've done a mix of both. My films are somewhere in between good commercial success and are also content-based.

"I've always looked up to Rajkummar because he is so versatile.

He changes so much in every film, which isn't easy.

He has brought this film



PHOTO: PTI

('Bareilly Ki Barfi') to another level. Selfishly, I feel you should have great actors as eventually, if a film succeeds, everyone wins."

Directed by Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari, "Bareilly Ki Barfi" released last Friday. The rom-com also stars Kriti Sanon. — PTI ■

Modelling groomed me for acting: Kriti Sanon

MUMBAI — She started her career as a model and actor Kriti Sanon says the backstage madness and walking the runway gave her the confidence to face the camera.

The 27-year-old actor, who was the showstopper for designer Arpita Mehta on the final day of the Lakme Fashion Week Winter/Festive 2017, says she always dreamt of becoming a celebrity showstopper.

"It has been a great journey from being model to a celebrity showstopper. It is nice to come back to the ramp and meet a lot of my friends. The backstage madness and the adrenaline

rush is still the same.

"When I was modelling, I always knew I wanted to be an actor. Modelling groomed me for acting and gave me a lot of confidence. I always used to dream about being a celebrity showstopper," Kriti told PTI.

Arpita's collection titled "Midnight Muse" was a sensuous line crafted in silk, chiffon, Tabi silk and georgette moulded into feminine silhouettes.

Embellishments were the highlight on the garments, as an assortment of thread work, 3D appliques, along with sequins dazzled on the creations.

— PTI ■



PHOTO: PTI

Abba star asks fans to take a chance on new piano album

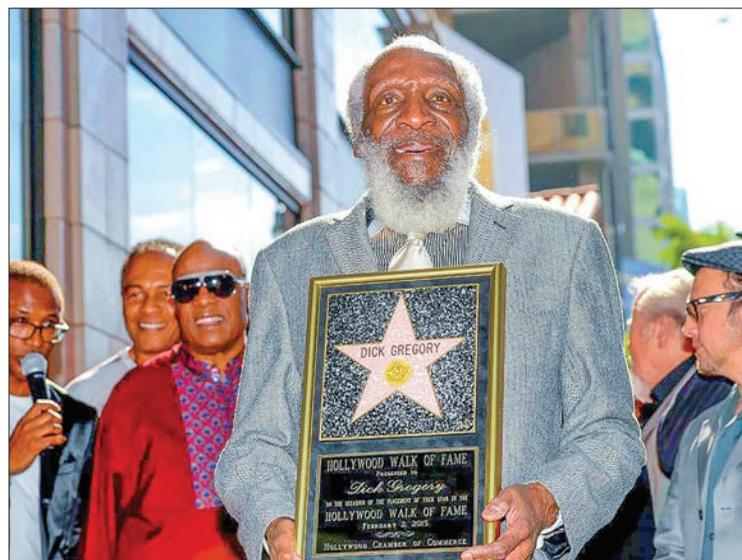
STOCKHOLM — It might take a few moments for fans of Abba star Benny Andersson's to recognize the songs on his new album "Piano".

Although it features Abba hits, including "Thank You for the Music", and songs from Andersson's musicals and solo work, he performs them alone at the piano without any accompaniment and without vocals. "The pieces I have chosen to play are an integral part of me", Andersson said in an interview released by his record company. "In a strange way, I feel like I am playing my memoirs."

Andersson was the chief songwriter in the Swedish pop group, which also included Bjorn Ulvaeus, Anni-Frid Lyngstad and Agnetha Faltskog in the line-up.

The group broke up in 1982 but have maintained an enduring popularity with subsequent generations of music fans and are one of the biggest-selling acts of all time. In 2010, Abba's record company gave the group an award for selling 375 million albums. In addition to his musical output, it was recently announced that Andersson would serve as executive producer on an upcoming sequel to the film "Mamma Mia", a hit 2008 musical featuring the music of Abba. "Piano" will be released on 29 September. —Reuters ■

Comedian, civil rights activist Dick Gregory dies at 84



Comedian Dick Gregory receives his star on Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles, California February 2, 2015. PHOTO: REUTERS

LOS ANGELES — Dick Gregory, a comedian who lambasted racism and played a prominent role in the 1960s civil rights movement after becoming one of the first black comics to perform for white audiences, died on Saturday at age 84, his son said.

"It is with enormous sadness that the Gregory family confirms that their father, comedic legend and civil rights activist Mr. Dick Gregory departed this earth tonight in Washington, D.C.," his son, Christian, wrote on Instagram. Gregory, who lived in Washington, checked into Sibley Memorial Hospital a

week ago after falling ill, said his longtime publicist Steve Jaffe. He died at the facility of heart failure, Jaffe said. Gregory's success as a comedian in the early 1960s helped pave the way for other black comics, such as Richard Pryor, to gain greater fame by reaching a mainstream audience. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Gregory grew up in poverty. He was working for the US Postal Service and performing in front of largely black audiences for low pay when Playboy founder Hugh Hefner saw Gregory's act and hired the comedian to perform at his nightclub in 1961. —Reuters ■

Mooy strikes as buoyant Huddersfield edge Newcastle

LONDON — Promoted Huddersfield Town made it two wins out of two in the Premier League as a superb Aaron Mooy strike gave them a 1-0 win over Newcastle United on Sunday.

After their 3-0 win at Crystal Palace last week marked their return to the top flight after a 45-year absence, Australian Mooy fired them ahead with a curling shot in the 50th minute. Newcastle, who also won promotion from the Championship last season, should have equalised in the 68th minute but Ayoze Perez fired over the bar from close range.

Rafa Benitez's Newcastle remain without a point following their home loss to Tottenham Hotspur last week.—Reuters ■



Newcastle United's Jacob Murphy in action with Huddersfield Town's Chris Lowe in Huddersfield, Britain, on 20 August 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

Nadal returns to Brisbane to open 2018 season

SYDNEY — Rafa Nadal, who will return to the top of the world rankings for the first time in three years on Monday, announced on Sunday that he would be opening his 18th season as a professional at the Brisbane International in January. The 31-year-old was beaten in the quarter-finals of the Australian Open warm-up by Milos Raonic on debut this year before going on to lose the final to Roger Federer at Melbourne Park.

Nadal, who lost to Australian Nick Kyrgios in the quarter-finals of the Cincinnati Open on Saturday, said he had thoroughly enjoyed his first taste of the Queensland Tennis Centre.

"Last year for me was the first experience and was very successful," he said. "The atmosphere is great and there's a lot of nice people supporting the event." The Brisbane International runs from New Year's Eve to 7 January next year.—Reuters ■

Juventus survive VAR incident to beat Cagliari

MILAN — Juventus began their pursuit of a seventh successive Serie A title with a 3-0 home win over Cagliari on Saturday after the Sardinians missed a penalty awarded with the help of a video replay.

Mario Mandzukic,

Paulo Dybala and Gonzalo Higuain scored for the Turin side in the match which kicked off the Serie A season, but the game could have taken a different course if Diego Farias had converted a spot kick for Cagliari when they

were 1-0 behind.

Napoli picked up where they left off last season with another fine attacking display to win 3-1 at promoted Verona.

Mandzukic broke the deadlock in the 12th minute when he volleyed in

from Stephan Lichtsteiner's cross.

Serie A is among the leagues which are trialling the use of video assistant referees (VAR) this season and they were brought into action for the first time just after the half

hour mark at the Allianz Stadium.

Cagliari's Duje Cop went down under a challenge from Alex Sandro and the ball ran on to Farias who sent a deflected shot over the crossbar.—Reuters ■



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MFF's negotiation for Myanmar, Malaysia today's men football match at 29th SEA Games

Kyaw Zin Lin

A special meeting between Myanmar and Malaysia to determine the placement of the fans for the upcoming Group A match at Shah Alam Stadium tonight was held at the secretariat hotel, Hilton Petaling Jaya, yesterday according to the official website of Football Association of Malaysia.

The meeting chaired by Secretary-General of the Youth and Sports Ministry, Dato' Lokman Hakim Ali with the attend-

ance of General Secretary of Football Association of Malaysia Dato' Hj Hamidin Hj Mohd Amin and Myanmar Football Federation General Secretary, U Ko Ko Thein have reached the decision that Malaysian fans will enter through Gate B grandstand, Gate C and Gate D while Myanmar fans will enter through Gate A grandstand of Shah Alam Stadium.

Ticket counter will be opened at the stadium starting from 10 am and entrance gate will open at 5.00 pm today. ■

Myanmar beat Indonesia in Sepak takraw competition at SEA Games



Member of Myanmar Sepak takraw team jumps to smash the chinlone towards Indonesia team's side. **PHOTO: SOE NYUNT**

Ye Yint Shine

Myanmar sepak takraw, or kick chinlone, men's doubles team beat Indonesia 3-0 at the SEA Games in Titwangsa Stadium, Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Six teams are competing, including Thailand, Cambodia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Myanmar will play the Phil-

ippines today; semifinal and final matches are scheduled for 22 August.

Sepak takraw is a sport native to Southeast Asia. Sepak takraw differs from the similar sport of foot volley in its use of a rattan ball and only allowing players to use their feet, knee, chest and head to touch the ball. ■



Myanmar's Wushu Artist Aye Thitsar Myint showing performances at the SEA Games Competition. **PHOTO SOE NYUNT**

Myanmar gains silver from Wushu at SEA Games

Ye Yint Shine

Myanmar wushu martial artist Aye Thitsar Myint won a silver medal at the SEA Games Nanquan Wushu competition at Kuala Lumpur Con-

vention Center (KLCC) in Malaysia.

Aye Thitsar Myint won 9.64 points for second place, while a Malaysia competitor won first place with 9.66 points. Viet Nam won third place with 9.63 points.

The SEA Games feature 17 wushu competitions.

Myanmar has 11 Myanmar's wushu competitors at the games.

Wushu is a martial art with full-contact and form competitions. ■

Myanmar's women football team loses to Vietnam at 29th SEA Games

Kyaw Zin Lin

Myanmar's national women's football team was defeated by Viet Nam 3-1 at the 2017 SEA Games at the UM Arena Stadium in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Viet Nam striker Pham Hai Yen scored the first goal after 18 minutes from the centre of the box.

Myanmar striker Win Theingi Tun tied the score by kicking a long range shot after 59 minutes. However, Myanmar appeared to lack stamina and conditioning after 65 minutes, when they seemed unable to match their opponents' speed across the field.

Viet Nam's Kieu Trin scored



Myanmar's Naw Ar Lo Wer Phaw vies for the ball against the opponent during yesterday match at the UM Arena Stadium. **PHOTO: MFF**

a second goal from 20 yards away after 72 minutes. Nine minutes later Viet Nam's Huynh Nhu scored the final goal of the match

when she was left unmarked in Myanmar's penalty area.

Myanmar has lost two games and won one. ■

Aung Thu and Win Theingi Tun stand as best goal scorers at 29th SEA Games so far

Kyaw Zin Tun

Myanmar footballers Aung Thu stands as highest goal scorer with four goals while Myanmar women footballer Win Theingi Tun also can snatch the best women football goal scorer with

total five goals at 2017 Southeast Asia Game so far.

Myanmar team's striker Aung Thu garnered four goals after playing three matches. Aung Thu shot two goals against Singapore, one goal against Laos and one goal against Brunei.

Myanmar team's striker Win Theingi Tun got five goals from three matches. Win Theingi Tun scored two goals against Thailand, two goals against Malaysia and one goal against Viet Nam.

Among the men football

goal scorers, Viet Nam footballer Nguyen Cong Phuong is second best goal scorer with three goals and Indonesia footballer Septian David, Myanmar footballer Aung Kaung Mann and Viet Nam footballer Doan Van Hau are in third places with two goals each.

Among the women football goal scorers, Myanmar footballer Khin Moe Wai, Thailand footballer Rattikan Thongsombut and Viet Nam footballer Huynh Nhu are in the second best goal scorer places with two goals each. ■