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Extremist terrorists attack on police outposts in N-Rakhine

EXTREMIST terrorists staged a coordinated series of attacks on dozens of police outposts in northern Rakhine yesterday, leaving 77 extremist terrorists, two arrested and 12 members of the security forces dead.

The fighting, which began at about 1am and continued throughout the day, was a major escalation in the ongoing conflict in Rakhine State since last October, when similar attacks prompted a major military sweep. Myanmar officials said yesterday's attacks seemed to be intentionally scheduled with the release Thursday of the report by an advisory commission led by former UN chief Kofi Annan and the upcoming UN meetings in New York.

"The coordinated attacks were timed to coincide with the release of the final report of

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Myanmar border guard police stand guard in Buthidaung, northern Rakhine State on 13 July 2017 in this file photo. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Anti-terrorism Central Committee

Order No. 1/2017
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The Anti-Terrorism Central Committee has issued this Order with the approval of the Union Government in exercise of the Anti-Terrorism law Section-72 Sub-section (B).

1. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has formed various committees to undertake the tasks for security, stability and peace, rule of law, regional development in Rakhine State and also carried out for the regional security and development tasks, health care services and fulfilling the requirements of the State.

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State leaders take charge after violent attacks in Rakhine State

UNION Ministers briefed the President and State Counsellor on the status of the violent attacks in Rakhine State yesterday morning.

The President's Office contacted the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and coordinated on deploying additional security forces and resources.

The Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services (Army) also briefed the President on the situation and met with the State Counsellor in the Presidential Palace at 2 p.m. to discuss the

effective protection and defence of people in Rakhine State from the extremist terrorists and how to effectively defeat the extremist terrorists. The State Counsellor called a meeting with Union Ministers for Home Affairs, for Defence, for Border Affairs, for the State Counsellor's Office, the National Security Advisor, and Union Minister for the President's Office in the National Peace and Reconciliation Center in Nay Pyi Taw at 3 p.m.

At the meeting, the Union Ministers for the Ministry

of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Border Affairs explained the simultaneous attacks by extremist terrorists on police and security force outposts, stations and bases which started at about 1 a.m. yesterday, the casualties among security personnel and civilians, the status of evacuating surrounded and blockaded civilians, the status of security personnel responding to the situation and the Rakhine State government's report on the situation on the ground. **SEE PAGE-4**

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

2nd Pyidaungsu Hluttaw 5th Regular Session Holds its 19th Day Meeting

At the 19th day meeting of 2nd Pyidaungsu Hluttaw 5th regular session held at yesterday, Hluttaw decided to send back "the Bill on the Amendment of Commercial Tax Law" to the Government with the conclusions included in the report of the Drafting Combined Committee intact.

Dr Myat Nyarna Soe, secretary of drafting combined committee read out the report, and Hluttaw put "the Bill on the Amendment of Communication Law" which is assumed to be approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, on record.

Afterward, concerning "Bill on Canal Law" which was disagreed between the two Hluttaws, U Win Myint Aung of Dipeyin constituency, U Tin Ko Ko Oo (a) U Ah Tut of Bilin constituency and U Win Maung of constituency 6 in Magway Region discussed the bill with amendments in paragraphs and sub-paragraphs, followed by the decision to approve the bill by Hluttaw.

Following that, U Kyaw Win, Union Minister for Planning and Finance said, "As regards the annual report on Union Budget, FY 2016-2017, revised estimates of the national earnings of all institutions and departments of the Union amounted to K 17095.396 billion. Out of them, actually accomplished amount



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is being convened on 25 August, 2017 in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

reached K 16542.705 billion, gaining 96.77 per cent. As regards the spending revised estimates was K 21105.590 billion with actual spending reaching K 18605.385 billion, implementing 88.15 per cent. Revised estimates of national earning of 22 Ministries of the Union was K 8910.136 billion, and actually accomplished amount reached K 8827.434 billion, gaining 99.07 per cent. Regarding spending, R E was K 12457.470 billion with accomplishment reaching K 11089.459 billion, gaining 89.02 per cent."

The Union Minister added, "In regard to the revised estimates of total income of the 7

State-Owned Enterprises, it was K 6294.683 billion, actual amount reaching 5912.819 billion, gaining 93.93 per cent. Concerning the spending, their RE was K 6835.261 billion with actual amount to be K 5842.564 billion, gaining 85.48 per cent. Total income of departments and organizations of the Union for the FY 2016-2017 was K 16542.705, general expenditure K 15619.929 billion and lump sum expenditure K 234.433 billion, resulting in K 688.343 billion on the debit side. Compared to total income of the FY 2015-2016, that of the total income of FY 2016-2017 outnumbered K 253.707 billion, that is, gaining 1.56 per cent more

than expected amount. The excess was attributed to effective collection over specially designated commodities in accord with the special commercial tax that began to come into effect as of 1st April 2016. Besides, under the Union Customs Law, 2016, management to collect customs over liquors, cigarettes and wine at fixed rate, acquisition of more revenues from collecting customs over imported cars, tourism industry, lodging house licenses, passenger transportation licenses and tour guide licenses, more revenues were collected more than ever."

"Concerning the spending, total expenditure for 2016-2017

was K 18605.385 billion, general expenditure K 14201.794 billion and lump sum expenditure K 3857.927, resulting in K 545.664 billion in the debit. Compared to 2015-2016 spending that of 2016-2017 was K 838.974 billion less, that is, 4.31 per cent less. It was attributed to implementation of projects by categorizing in priority level, spending to purchase necessary things by dividing budgets after scrutinizing in accord with existing rules and laws."

Following that, U Kyaw Win, Union Minister for Planning and Finance, clarified the annual report of national planning for the FY 2016-2017 sent from the Government.

As regards the annual report of the national planning, report 10/2017 of the findings and conclusions of Public Account Combined Committee was read out by U Mahn Law Maung, member of the committee, with the report 10/2017 of the findings and conclusions of Public Account Combined Committee over the annual report of Union's Budget read out by U Khin Maung Than, joint-secretary of the committee.

In regard to these report, Hluttaw announced that parliamentarians who would like to discuss can enroll their names.—Myo Myint and Aye Aye Thant (MNA) ■

Senior General meets visiting Viet Nam Communist Party General Secretary



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talk with Mr. Nguyen Phu Trong. PHOTO: MNA

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing held talk with on visiting General Secretary, Communist Party of Viet Nam's Central Committee Mr. Nguyen Phu Trong at Thazin Hall, Hilton Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the call, matters relating to continuing cooperation between the two militaries on communication, sports, culture and medical sectors, increasing friendly visits, cooperation in training, command and logistic were discussed.

Also discussed were mutual support and cooperation among the countries in the ASEAN community. Later in the day Senior General separately received Deputy Minister of National Defense of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Senior

Lieutenant General Nguyen Chi Vinh and party and Viettel Group chairman Maj-Gen Nguyen Manh Hung and party.

In the meeting with the Viet Nam Deputy Minister of National Defense, matters relating to increasing friendly relation and cooperation between the two militaries, current cooperation in training, communication, sports, culture and medical technology sectors were discussed.

In the meeting with Viettel Group chairman, cooperation between the two militaries' MECTel and Viettel in the communication sector, increasing cooperation with MyTel in the communication sector and cooperating not for profit but to support the bilateral relationship were discussed.—Myanmar News Agency ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talk with Mr. Nguyen Phu Trong, General Secretary of the Central Committee of Communist Party of Viet Nam in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives CPVCC General Secretary

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Viet Nam (CPVCC) Mr. Nguyen Phu Trong and party yesterday morning at Presidential Palace diplomatic hall. Matters relating to regional cooperation in ASEAN region and bilateral cooperation were discussed.

With the State Counsellor in

the meeting were Union Ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe, U Thant Sin Maung, U Kyaw Win, Deputy Minister U Min Thu, Permanent Secretary U Kyaw Zeya, Myanmar Ambassador to Viet Nam U Kyaw Soe Win and officials while the party led by the General Secretary was accompanied by Viet Nam Ambassador H.E. Dr. Luan Thuy Duong.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Extremist terrorists attack on police outposts in N-Rakhine

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the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State and the UN General Assembly, which is scheduled to be held from 12 to 25 September,” said a statement of the Information Committee of the Office of the State Counsellor.

Kofi Annan condemned the violence yesterday, saying “no cause can justify such brutality and senseless killing”.

The Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA), a group previously known as Harakah al-Yaqin, which instigated the October attacks, claimed responsibility for the early morning offensive, and warned of more, Reuters reported.

The extremist terrorists began the coordinated attacks by throwing an improvised explosive device (IED) into a police station in the district at 1am, officials said.

Following the attacks, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi held an emergency meeting with Union Ministers, discussing urgent measures and long-term plans for restoring peace and stability in Rakhine State.

It was attended by Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Sein Win, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe, and National Security Adviser U Thauung Tun.

The United Nations condemned a “coordinated series of attacks” on Myanmar security forces on Friday and called on all sides in the crisis in the northern state of Rakhine to refrain from violence.

The sustained, planned terrorist attacks drew quick rebuke from western countries.

“We condemn the attacks that took place overnight against the security forces, and we offer condolences to victims and their families”, a statement from the U.S. Embassy in Yangon said. “We recognise the government and security forces have the responsibility to act to apprehend the perpetrators and prevent further violence, and we urge them to do so in a way that protects all innocent civilians”.

A statement from the British Embassy in Yangon similarly denounced the attacks.

“The situation in Rakhine State cannot be improved



The landmine planted by terrorists is being removed. PHOTO: STATE COUNSELLOR'S OFFICE INFORMATION COMMITTEE

through violence, and we condemn last night's attacks,” the statement from the British Embassy said.

Following the 1 am bombing of a district police station, an unknown number of extremist terrorists attacked Nanthataung Police Station at 3:35 am, resulting in the death of one policeman and one terrorist.

The police outpost in Thinbawgwe came under attack at 3:45 am by about 100 terrorists. One terrorist was killed in the attack.

The Kyikyun Outpost was attacked by an unknown number of terrorists at 5:25 am, leaving five policemen, including one officer, injured. The attackers withdrew at 5:30 am, according to the State Counsellor's Office.

At 4:20 am, an unknown number of extremist terrorists opened fire on the Mitaik Chaungwa police outpost and also attacked police with machetes, killing two policemen. Three weapons were stolen from the outpost by the attackers, who withdrew at about 4:45 am.

Dozens of other police stations and outposts were attacked by extremists yesterday including locations in Natchaun Launddon, Maungni, Thiho, Zinpaingnya, Kyaukpyinseik, Padinkaung, Panyaungky and Shweyinyay.

An attack on the Zipinchaung police outpost by an estimated 150 terrorists at 4:30 am caused the death of one policeman. One communication machine and one weapon were stolen from the outpost by terrorists.

In the attack on the Chainkharli outpost, one terrorist was killed.

The Myinlut police outpost came under attack by an estimated 100 extremist terrorists at 4:45 am. Two policemen were killed and two arms were stolen by terrorists.

An immigration officer was killed in a 4:50 am attack on Ale

Thankyaw police outpost.

About 100 extremist terrorists attacked the Udaung outpost at 5:10 am, while a group of the terrorists also staged a dawn attack on the Hnarkaungto outpost.

Six bodies of extremist terrorists were found after the attack on the Kotankauk police outpost.

About 10 terrorists also attacked the Taungbazar Police outpost at 3:40 am. Police fought back before the terrorists withdrew, leaving five bodies of attackers.

In the attack on the Phaungtawpyin outpost at 4:25 am, two policemen were killed. The bodies of two terrorists were also found.

The terrorists also attacked a traffic police office and a local anti-drug office with IEDs and also destroyed an old concrete bridge.

After the morning attacks on security posts and police stations in the Maungtaw region, extremist terrorists then burnt down their villages and internally displaced person camps and fled, according to local authorities.

“After the attack on the security forces, villagers in Chanekali Bengali village, Yathedaung Township burnt down their own homes around noon and fled into the Mayu Mountain range”, according to a military source.

Similarly, extremists in Zedipyin Bengali village, Yathedaung Township burnt down about 60 houses at about 12pm and fled toward Chin Village. Officials said yesterday evening that the extremist terrorists attacks on 30 security posts and police stations in Maungtaw, Buthidaung and Yathedaung Townships resulting in the death of 11 security personnel (one Tatmadaw and 10 police) and one immigration officer; injuries to 11 security personnel and the loss of six weapons stolen by the terrorists. One extremist was captured and 59 bodies of extremists recovered, officials said.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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- On 9 October 2016 the terrorists launched a surprise attack on the No.1 Border Guard Police Head Quarter (Kyikanpyin), police outpost at Kotankauk and Ngakhuya local administrative office. In that incident 9 police were killed and 48 assorted arms, 6624 bullets, 47 bayonets, 164 bullet cartridges were seized by the terrorists. It was investigated that the terrorists had infiltrated the area where the majority of the residents were Muslim and organized to escalate the extremist terrorism in that area.
- In light of these events, the Border Security Troop No (1) have increased their troop numbers and are collaborating with the Tatmadaw to provide security in the region. The multiple killings, threats and propaganda have slowed down the process for regional peace and rule of law to take place. Clearance operations in May Yu Mountain have also uncovered multiple terrorist training camps.
- On 25 August extremist terrorist groups launched sneak attacks on thirty police sentry outposts in Maungtaw, Buthidaung and Yathedaung townships and also on the Area Regiment Headquarters in Taungthazar village. It is reported that 10 Myanmar police officers, 1 Tatmadaw soldier and 1 immigration officer were killed while 9 security officers and multiple civilians were wounded and six firearms were stolen.
- The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar firmly disapproves of these terrorist activities and will do all in its power to prevent these from happening and bring justice to the perpetrators and their supporters.
- Therefore, the Union Government hereby declares that the aforementioned extremist terrorist groups and the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) which is responsible for the aforementioned extremist terrorists are extremist terrorist group in accordance with the Counter-Terrorism Law Section 6, Sub-Section 5.

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar

State Counsellor's statement on attacks in Rakhine State

(25th August, 2017)

We strongly condemn the violent attacks by the terrorists on the security forces in Rakhine State.

We praise and honour the police and members of the security forces who are bravely and gallantly performing their duties while facing many challenges there. We stand by those police men and members of security forces who sacrificed their lives for the country and their bereaved families and their colleagues. We offer our condolences and sympathies to the victims and their families.

As the Union Government has foreseen the possibility of such attacks to coincide with the release of the final report of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, instructions have been given to the Union ministers concerned.

It is clear that today's attacks are systematically planned and are intended to cripple the efforts for peace, stability and co-existence of the local communities. Our determined efforts would not waver in any way due to atrocious acts of brutality of extremist terrorists.

The Union Government has been committed to find effective solutions regarding the issues in the Rakhine State through pragmatic and durable methods. We also welcome the constructive approaches of the final report of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State which was issued yesterday.

We also welcome the statement of Mr. Kofi Annan, the chair of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, condemning today's attacks. ■ (Unofficial Translation)

State leaders take charge after violent attacks in Rakhine State

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The State Counsellor gave detailed instructions on increasing the security of personnel on duty in the region for the local populace and villagers. Time-ly guidelines and instructions were also given to the state government.

At that moment, arrangements were made to deploy additional Myanmar Police Force personnel to the region, while



Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Union Ministers hold the emergency meeting following terrorist attacks on police outposts in Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

the Tatmadaw also reinforced existing personnel to effectively defend and provide security to the local people. Due to the attacks by the extremist terrorists, 11 security personnel

and 1 immigration department official were killed.

Two extremist terrorists were captured alive and 77 extremist terrorists were killed. State leaders are personally

managing the matters of protecting and defending the local people in the region and to effectively defeat the extremist terrorists, it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Residents from Khamaungseik, Tanugpyo Letwe and Myinlut villages evacuated

FOLLOWING a series of attacks by extremist terrorists on police and border guard outposts in Maungtaw District, Rakhine State, hundreds of civilians and government workers living near the Bangladesh border were evacuated yesterday, officials said.

Eleven staff members and five families from Taungpyo Letwe GAD, one staff member and seven family members from the Department for Development of Border Areas and National Races and two staff members from the Roads Department were moved to Region-1 Police Station of Border Guard Police Battalion. In addition, 17 staff members from Myinlut GAD were moved to the Maungtaw GAD Office and



Civilians are evacuated to a safe place by the security forces. **PHOTO: STATE COUNSELLOR OFFICE INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

12 education staff members to the Mawrawady Station of Border Guard Police, according to the State Counsellor Office Information Committee.

Six staff members from

Khamaungseik GAD and 10 staff members from Basic Education Department joined their counterparts at Minhkamaung National Race Village, and measures are be-

ing taken to evacuate them to safety.

Children from the Nanthataung Philanthropic School, women and villagers totaling 400 were evacuated to Taungpyo BEHS by security personnel.

Additionally, 150 locals from Aungbala village arrived at Sasana Beikman in Buthidaung.

Local people from Taungbazar and Aungbala villages in Buthidaung township and departmental personnel were evacuated to a local military battalion.

Security personnel are in the process of evacuating innocent civilians in Maungtaw region to safer places and carrying out area clearance operations. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Value of trade via Muse border trade camp on the decline

THE value of trade via the Muse border trade camp was on the decline between 1st April and 18 August of this fiscal year compared to the same period of last year, according to the statistics of the Ministry of Commerce.

The value of trade via Muse as of 18th August in this fiscal

year amounted to US\$1.8 billion, a decrease by US\$140 million compared to the same period of last year.

The volume of exports also dropped to US\$163 million when compared to the same point of last year. The Muse border trade camp handles the largest volume of trade among all

border towns.

Agricultural products, livestock, aquatic products, forestry products and industrial finished products are exported from Myanmar, whereas personal goods, industrial raw materials and capital goods are imported into Myanmar from neighbouring countries.

The Myanmar export sector is dependent on mineral resources, natural gas, agricultural products and aquatic products. Myanmar is playing a role in trade with the neighboring countries of India, Thailand, China and Bangladesh to boost border trade.

There was a total of US\$2.67

billion worth of border trade via Myanmar's 15 border camps as of 18th August. The border trade camps are: Muse, Lweje, Chinshwehaw, Kan Pike Tee, Keng Tung, Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Htee Khee, Mawtaung, Maesae, Sittway, Maungtau, Tamu and Reed.—

Min Thu ■

US\$2.2 billion trade deficit in 1st quarter this year

THE trade deficit as of 18 August in the current fiscal year was US\$2.2 billion, where import value outnumbered export value, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The trade value from 1st April to 18 August of this fiscal year amounted to over US\$11.8 billion, with an export value of US\$4.8 billion and an import value of US\$7 billion.

Exports through sea trade performed better than that of last fiscal year, with an increase of over US\$513 million. Meanwhile, exports via border trade showed a decrease of over US\$172 million compared to the same period of last year.

Out of 16 border trade camps, seven border gates —



PHOTO: GNLM/PHOE KHWAR

Muse, Chinshwehaw, Keng Tung, Myawady, Myeik, Htee Khee and Tamu were found to have declining export value.

The trade deficit in the last fiscal year was US\$1.3 billion, with export values of US\$447 million and import values of US\$581 million.

There were trade deficits of US\$91.9 million in 2012-2013, US\$2.6 billion in 2013-2014, US\$4.9

billion in 2014-2015 and US\$5.4 billion in 2015-2016, according to the statistics by the Central Statistical Organization (CSO).

Myanmar exports agricultural products, animal products, minerals, forest products, and finished industrial goods, whereas capital goods, raw industrial materials and personal goods are imported into the country.—

Zwe ■

580 apartments from low-cost housing to be sold with lucky draw system in Yangon Region

A total of 580 apartments from Yuzana Estate phase I&II, Ka Naung and Shwelinban low-cost housing project will be sold by drawing lots at the office of the Rural Area Development Department on 2 and 4 September, according to the Rural Area Development Department.

On 2nd September, the department will sell the apartments of the Ka Naung and Shwelinban low-cost housing projects to 279 people by drawing lots. On 4 September, the department will sell apartments from the Yuzana Estate phase I & phase II to 301 people.

There are 398 apartments in

the Shwelinban low-cost housing project, but only about 125 people applied. Similarly, there are 292 apartments in Ka Naung low-cost housing, but only 59 people applied to purchase the apartments. A total of 638 people applied to buy the apartments from the Yuzana low-cost housing, but the department can sell only 301 apartments.

“People will have a second chance to try if they don't like apartment they win by the lot drawing. But they will not have a third chance. The selected applicants list will be announced on the Rural Area Development Department website as well as in

the newspapers, said Daw Mee Mee Tin, the director of the Rural Area Development Department.

The buyers must have a housing saving account with Housing Development Bank, and their savings must meet at least 30 per cent of the value of the apartment they want to buy. The remaining 70 per cent will be paid by long-term installments. The six four-storey buildings have 468 square feet apartments, whereas the four four-storey buildings have 522 square feet apartments. The apartments will be sold between for Ks9.8 million and over Ks12 million depending on the room types.—Thi Thi Min ■

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Joint Statement on the Comprehensive Cooperative Partnership between Myanmar and Viet Nam

At the invitation of U Htin Kyaw, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, H.E. Mr. Nguyen Phu Trong, General Secretary of Central Committee of the Communist Party of Viet Nam, paid a State Visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar from 24-26 August, 2017. President U Htin Kyaw held bilateral talks with General Secretary Mr. Nguyen Phu Trong on 24th August 2017 at the Presidential Palace. He also met with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services. The Joint Statement on the Comprehensive Cooperative Partnership between Myanmar and Viet Nam was issued during the visit.

The full text of the Joint Statement is as follows:

JOINT STATEMENT ON THE COMPREHENSIVE COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR AND THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM (Nay Pyi Taw, 25 August 2017)

1. At the invitation of His Excellency U Htin Kyaw, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency Mr. Nguyen Phu Trong, General Secretary of Central Committee of the Communist Party of Viet Nam, paid a State Visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar from 24-26 August, 2017.

2. During the visit, His Excellency General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong and the high-level delegation of Viet Nam were accorded a warm welcome by His Excellency U Htin Kyaw, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar reflecting the close bonds of friendship existing between the two countries and the two peoples. While in Myanmar, His Excellency General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong held bilateral talks with His Excellency President U Htin Kyaw and attended a State banquet hosted by the President. He also had a cordial meeting with Her Excellency Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and met with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker His Excellency Mahn Win Khaing Than, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services, the staff of the Embassy of Viet Nam as well as the Vietnamese business community in Myanmar.

3. At the talks and meetings, the Leaders of both countries agreed that the General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong's State Visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar marked a historic milestone in bilateral relations between the two countries and that its outcomes would contribute significantly to elevate Myanmar-Viet Nam relations to a new level.

4. Leaders of both countries noted with satisfaction the rapid development of the traditional friendship and multifaceted cooperation between the two countries during recent years. Both sides affirmed to further strengthen the effectiveness of bilateral cooperation at all channels, including party-to-party, parliament-to-parliament, government-to-government and people-to-people relations.

5. Given the flourishing excellent bilateral relations as well as the new developments in the region and the world, both Leaders agreed to establish the Myanmar-Viet Nam "Comprehensive Cooperative Partnership – CCP". The CCP is aimed at promoting and strengthening the existing bilateral cooperation mechanisms, realizing the signed agreements and exploring new opportunities for the bilateral cooperation, in accordance with the principles of the UN Charter and ASEAN Charter; the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC), as well as the universally recognized norms and standards of international law, and on the basis of respect for each country's law, independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

6. This partnership would further deepen bilateral cooperation in the following five pillars: i) political relations; ii) defense and security cooperation; iii) economic cooperation; iv) social, cultural cooperation, people-to-people exchanges and other fields of mutual interests; v) regional and international cooperation. For the implementation of the CCP, Leaders of both countries agreed to assign

their Foreign Ministries to coordinate with other relevant agencies to identify possible cooperation initiatives in the aforementioned pillars and conduct periodical reviews through bilateral cooperation mechanisms.

7. On the basis of the CCP, the two sides agreed to promote their political relations through exchange of delegations and interaction at different levels and that the establishment of the Myanmar-Viet Nam Friendship Association would contribute to the people-to-people exchange through coordination with the Viet Nam-Myanmar Friendship Association and to promote the relations between Ho Chi Minh City and Yangon through bilateral cooperation mechanisms between the two countries.

8. The two sides agreed to strengthen government-to-government cooperation and to strive for enhancing the effectiveness of bilateral economic, cultural science and technology cooperation. Accordingly, the two sides agreed to work closely to promote existing mechanisms such as the Joint Trade Commission and the Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation. The two sides reaffirmed to successfully realize the Treaties and Agreements signed between the two governments. With a view to enhancing bilateral economic connectivity, the two sides were committed to give priority to the areas of cooperation in transport infrastructure, tourism as well as expansion of cooperation in agriculture and forestry, telecommunication and banking. The two sides acknowledged undertaking measures to improve the investment environment in order to encourage mutual investment. Both sides agreed to increase investment and trade promotion and facilitation activities in order to attain the target of US\$ 1 billion in bilateral trade turnover at the earliest possible.

9. General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong pledged to encourage Vietnamese businesses to invest in potential fields in Myanmar such as energy, telecommunication and infrastructure.

10. President U Htin Kyaw acknowledged that Viet Nam's investment projects in Myanmar contributed to its socio-economic development, and reaffirmed to provide favourable conditions for Vietnamese businesses and ensured their interests in Myanmar.

11. The two sides welcomed the opening of the Bank of Investment and Development of Viet Nam (BIDV) branch office in Yangon to boost bilateral trade and investment. The Myanmar side took note of the request for permission for BIDV to have direct transactions with Myanmar clients and businesses.

12. The two sides also agreed to further promote cooperation in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and telecommunication. Myanmar side agreed to grant Telecom International Myanmar Co., Ltd. (MyTel) permission to participate in the development and utilization of fiber optic infrastructure and other infrastructure throughout Myanmar's territory in line with existing laws and regulation and with the terms of the granted license.

13. The two leaders exchanged views on matters

of common interests on regional peace, security and affirmed the commitments to enhance security and defense cooperation between the two countries through sharing information experiences, taking advantage of existing cooperation mechanisms and considered the possibility of setting up the Defense Policy Dialogue and Joint Working Group mechanisms between the two Ministries of Defense.

14. The two sides also recognized the effective bilateral Security Dialogue, and agreed to further strengthen security cooperation including coordination in developing and consolidating the legal framework for cooperation in the fields of crime prevention and criminal justice between the two countries.

15. The two sides expressed their satisfaction on close coordination and cooperation between the two countries at various regional and international fora, such as ASEAN, the United Nations, and the Non-Aligned Movement. General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong highly appreciated Myanmar's readiness to support Viet Nam for the United Nations Security Council non-permanent membership for the term 2020-2021.

16. Both sides welcomed the continued cooperation on sustainable and effective use and management of the Mekong River's water resources, which had multidimensional impacts on countries in the Mekong River basin, including Viet Nam and Myanmar; as well as the process of integration, community building, maintenance of stability and development of ASEAN. General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong recognized Myanmar's active contribution as a dialogue partner of the Mekong River Commission (MRC) to the protection and sustainable use of the Mekong River's water resources and Myanmar took note of Viet Nam's suggestion to consider early admission to the MRC.

17. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining and promoting peace, security and stability in the region as well as to the peaceful settlement of dispute, without resorting to threat or use of force, in conformity with the widely recognized principles of international law, including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). Both sides also reaffirmed their support for the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) and the early conclusion of the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC) based on the agreed framework of the COC.

18. General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong expressed his heartfelt gratitude to President U Htin Kyaw, the Government and the people of Myanmar for their warm friendship and gracious hospitality accorded to him and the Vietnamese delegation. General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong kindly extended an invitation to President U Htin Kyaw to visit Viet Nam again and also invited State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to visit Viet Nam at a mutually convenient time. Myanmar's Leaders expressed their deep appreciation for the invitations.
—Ministry of Foreign Affairs ■

Japan to conduct missile interceptor drills at US bases

TOKYO — Japan will conduct missile interceptor drills at US military bases in the country next week and in September amid growing threats from North Korea, Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera said Friday.

The Air Self-Defence Force will practice deploying Patriot Advanced Capability-3 missile interceptors at the US Yokota Air Base in a Tokyo suburb and Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni in Yamaguchi Prefecture on Tuesday as well as at the Misawa Air Base in Aomori Prefecture on 7 September.

It will be the first time for Japan to conduct such training at US bases, according to the Defense Ministry.

North Korea has threatened to fire ballistic missiles across the Japanese mainland toward the US Pacific territory of Guam, which followed its test-firing of two intercontinental ballistic missiles in July.

The drills "will contribute to further strengthening the Japan-US alliance," Onodera said at a press conference. The ministry has deployed ASDF PAC-3 missile interceptors in parts of western Japan, which North Korea said its missile would fly over.—Kyodo News ■

Japan says to impose additional sanctions against North Korea

TOKYO — Japan will impose additional sanctions against North Korea following the reclusive country's repeated missile launches and unresolved abduction issue, its top government spokesman said on Friday.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told reporters that Japan would freeze the assets of six more organisations and two more individuals linked to North Korea. He said they included four Chinese entities and one Chinese individual and two Namibian entities.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying expressed "strong dissatisfaction and resolute opposition" to the Japanese sanctions.

The United States on Tuesday imposed new North Korea-related sanctions, targeting Chinese and Russian firms and individuals for supporting Pyongyang's weapons programmes, including a Namibia-based subsidiary of a Chinese company and a North Korean entity operating



North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un looks on during a visit to the Chemical Material Institute of the Academy of Defence Science in this undated photo released by North Korea's Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) in Pyongyang on 23 August 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

in Namibia.

Asked what message Japan was sending with the additional sanctions, Suga said it was important to observe the UNSC resolutions.

"It is extremely important to exert pressure in this form while acting in concert with the United States and South Korea," he said.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has ordered more solid-fuel rocket engines, state media reported on Wednesday, as he pursues nuclear and missile programmes amid a standoff with Washington.

Responding to Japan's latest steps, China's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said Beijing op-

posed any unilateral sanctions outside the United Nations Security Council framework, especially those targeting Chinese entities and people.

Japan's actions "gravely harm China's interests and judicial sovereignty, and create new political obstacles to improving China-Japan relations", Hua told a daily news briefing.

"China demands that Japan immediately ceases with the relevant mistaken methods. If Japan remains obstinately on this course, it must bear the consequences."

China has signed up for increasingly tough UN sanctions against North Korea, and promised to fully and effectively enforce them.

But China has been angered by unilateral sanctions placed against Chinese companies and individuals by the United States in particular, saying only China has the right to target those in the country who may illegally be aiding Pyongyang.—Reuters ■

Singapore picks Japan as 1st stop to promote new branding

SINGAPORE — Singapore on Thursday unveiled a new unified branding for its national tourism and investment agencies and chose Japan as the first stop for its global marketing campaign.

S. Iswaran, Singapore's minister for trade and industry, launched the new slogan, "Passion Made Possible," that will be shared by the Singapore Tourism Board and the Singapore Eco-

nomics Development Board to market Singapore internationally for tourism and business purposes.

The move aims to "help Singapore stand out on the international stage" amid fierce global competition to attract tourists and investments.

The slogan was designed to convey "Singapore's attitude and mindset: a passion-driven, nev-

er-settling spirit of determination and enterprise that constantly pursues possibilities and reinvention."

Lionel Yeo, chief executive of the Singapore Tourism Board, said in his speech at the launch event in Singapore that, "The Singapore story is about Passion Made Possible."

"By implementing practical solutions for ourselves and over-

coming tough odds, we have been an inspiration to others," he said.

He said the brand will be adopted by a few other agencies within the Ministry of Trade and industry.

The Singapore Tourism Board will promote the new brand in a global marketing campaign spanning 15 markets, starting with Japan on Friday.—Kyodo News ■

US Navy recovers second body in search for sailors missing after collision

SINGAPORE — US Navy and Marine Corps divers have recovered and identified a second body in the search for ten sailors missing after a collision between a guided-missile destroyer and merchant vessel near Singapore earlier this week, the US Navy said on Friday.

The USS John S. McCain collided with the merchant tanker in waters near Singapore and Malaysia on Monday, which led to an international search-and-rescue operation for the missing sailors. The navy recovered the first body from inside the hull of

the warship earlier this week.

"More divers and equipment arrived overnight to continue search and recovery operations for eight missing sailors inside flooded compartments of the ship," the US Seventh Fleet said in statement on its website.

On Thursday, the US Navy suspended the wider search and rescue operation to focus recovery efforts on the damaged hull of the ship, which is moored at Singapore's Changi Naval Base.

The Navy has already released the names of all the sailors who were missing.—Reuters ■



US Navy helicopter from USS America lands on Royal Malaysia Navy's KD Lekiu Frigate 30 during a search and rescue operation for survivors of the USS John S. McCain ship collision in Malaysian waters in this handout photo distributed, on 23 August 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

Efforts for stability in Rakhine will not be slowed by terrorist atrocities

AS terrorism increases around the world, extremists in Rakhine State, which is often called the western door of Myanmar, make their reprehensible objectives more obvious as time goes by.

These extremist terrorist groups have kidnapped, tortured and killed peaceful civilians, people who they perceive are collaborating with the government and people who have agreed to interviews with media agencies in their attempt to prevent news from reaching the outside world.

These groups target ethnic minorities living near forests, farms and streams and kill them to scare them away from their homes and eventually take over these areas. Most of these extremist terrorists use religious ideals to gather followers and create unrest. They also are known to give training in making explosives, marksmanship and unarmed combat. It is believed that their operations in the Mayu mountains, which includes setting up terrorist camps and collecting rations and aid may be an attempt to make Maungtaw

their base of operations.

In the early morning hours yesterday, these terrorists staged a series of coordinated attacks on police outposts, killing policemen, civil servants and security forces.

We strongly condemn the violent attacks by the insurgents on the security forces in Rakhine State.

It is clear that yesterday's attacks were systematically planned and are intended to cripple the efforts for peace, stability and co-existence of local people.

Our determined efforts for bringing

peace, stability and development to the western part of the country will not be slowed down due to atrocious acts of brutality by extremist terrorists.

We praise the police and members of the security forces who are bravely doing their duty while facing potentially deadly challenges in Rakhine State.

We stand by the fallen policemen and security members who sacrificed their lives for their country, and offer condolences to their bereaved families and colleagues.—The Global New Light of Myanmar ■

Fishery exports and Least Developed Countries

ANEW UNCTAD study examines the development potential of the fishery sector in selected Least Developed Countries in Africa and Asia, providing policy recommendations to overcome challenges on both the supply and demand sides.

Fish is one of the world's most traded food commodities and, with the global population growing to an expected 9.7 billion people by 2050, demand for fish also expected to increase. That offers valuable trade opportunities. In addition to human consumption, industrial need for fishery resources is projected to rise in the coming decades due to growing demand for fish oil and animal feed.

Wild catch alone will not sustain the increase in demand for fish. There should be deliberate actions by Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to enhance aquaculture development so as to meet the increase.

The UNCTAD study documents that, over the last three decades, global aquaculture production has tripled, growing at an average annual rate of 8.3 per cent. In 2014, aquaculture constituted 46 per cent of world fish production compared to 26 per cent in 1994.

Fishing, both coastal and inland, holds significant potential for socio-economic development for a number of LDCs. Many have comparative advantages in fishery resources due to a combination of low-cost labour and waters rich in highly-prized varieties of fish.

The social, economic and environmental benefits of the fishery sector are substantial. In addition to creating employment and increasing foreign exchange earnings, fishing provides a



A fish jumps over a net as a worker works in a fish farm at Htantapin township in Yangon, Myanmar on 18 February 2016. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

major source of protein in many LDCs and is important for improving food security. The study urges governments and stakeholders in LDCs to view the fishery sector as a key driver in enabling the countries to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The fisheries sector is also a viable alternative to manufacturing as a source of export-led growth. Developing countries as a whole have substantially increased their share in world fishery exports, from 34.6 per cent in 1981 to 50.2 per cent in 2013. However, despite their ample fish stocks, not many LDCs have been able to follow suit, and their share in global fish exports has only risen marginally, from 1.6 to 3.5 per cent in the same period. The work of UNCTAD reveals that the fishery sector in

LDCs remains predominantly traditional or artisanal.

In its research, UNCTAD presents case studies of six of the world's 47 LDCs — Bangladesh, Cambodia, the Comoros, Mozambique, Myanmar and Uganda — and identifies a series of supply-side and demand-side challenges undermining the role of their fishery sectors.

On the supply side, the main challenges are deficient transportation and storage facilities; poor energy infrastructure and high electricity costs; a lack of investment, finance or credit for small operators; overfishing and depletion of fish resources; water pollution; and a lack of common fishery policies among countries that share water resources.

On the demand side, LDC fish

products face few or no tariff barriers in developed country markets. However, the biggest non-tariff trade barrier for producers and processors from LDCs are the stringent quality and safety standards systems imposed on fish products in major overseas markets, instituted in the 1990s and 2000s.

The study argues that stringent public safety norms are often compounded by further cumbersome private quality and safety standards. The confluences of public and private standards have effectively restricted access to major importing markets for many LDC fishery exporters.

This is mainly due to the fact that standards are not harmonized and are costly for LDCs to meet. It is also due to structural problems in LDCs, including in processing facilities and procurement methods, as well as a lack of testing and certification of products throughout the value chain.

The study provides policy conclusions and recommendations aimed at helping LDCs to realize the full development potential of their fisheries sectors, including the provision of infrastructure, the improvement of regulatory and institutional capacities, monitoring and regulation of domestic fishing, and the harmonization of international standards.

The study is the result of the implementation of the Development Account Project titled: "Building the capacities of selected LDCs to upgrade and diversify their fish exports". The project has been implemented in Cambodia, Comoros, Mozambique, Myanmar and Uganda.—United Nations Conference on Trade and Development ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talk with Dr R.K. Pachauri, Chairman of the Energy Farm International Foundation. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor holds talks with IPCC chairman over climate change

STATE Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received Dr R.K. Pachauri, Chairman of the Energy Farm International Foundation and former Chair-

man of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change-IPCC, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on the matters

of climate change and environmental conservation, mangrove conservation in Ayeyawady delta region and electrification in rural areas of Myanmar. —Myanmar News Agency ■

General Secretary of Communist Party of Viet Nam arrives Yangon

Mr. Nguyen Phu Trong, General Secretary of the Central Committee (CPVCC), Communist Party of Viet Nam and party who were in Myanmar on a State Visit left by air from Nay Pyi Taw and arrived at Yangon International Airport yesterday at 2:40 pm.

The General Secretary and party were welcomed at the airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, government ministers, responsible officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the embassy of Viet Nam to Myanmar.

Then, the General Secretary and party met with Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein at Melia Yangon Hotel and discussed matters relating to investments by Vietnamese businesses within Yangon Region, promoting investments on communication



Mr. Nguyen Phu Trong, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Viet Nam, Central Committee welcomed by at the Yangon International Airport. **PHOTO: MNA**

sector and urban and rural development.

In the evening, the Yangon Region Chief Minister host a

dinner party for the General Secretary and party at Melia Yangon Hotel.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Police outposts merge to strengthen security

On 25 August extremist terrorist groups staged series of coordinated attacks on thirty police sentry outposts in Maungtaw, Buthidaung and Yathedaung townships and also on a local battalion in Taungthazar village. It is reported that 10 Myanmar police officers, 1 Tatmadaw man and 1 immigration officer were killed while six firearms and one telecommunication device were stolen.

To prevent a similar incident from happening again, 23 police sentries are merging with the following sentry/departments:

- 1) U Hla Pe outpost (10) with Kinchaung outpost (10)
- 2) Say Yoe Kya outpost (10) with Phone Nyo Leik outpost (10)
- 3) 3 mile outpost (8) with Myin Hlut outpost (8)
- 4) Gintaw outpost (8) with Kyauk Pandu (NaTaLa) outpost (9)
- 5) Zaw Ma Tet outpost (7) with Kine Gyi outpost (7)
- 6) Bagonenar outpost (7) with Norular outpost (7)
- 7) Sarlay outpost (2) with Aungzu outpost (2)
- 8) Zeepinchaung outpost (4) with Zeepincaungwa outpost (4)
- 9) Wetkyein outpost (4) with Mingyi outpost (4)
- 10) KyaukChaung Chaungwa outpost (4) with Kyunpauk Chaungwa outpost (4)
- 11) Htanchaung outpost (4) with Leikya outpost (4)
- 12) Tetkaingnyar outpost (2) with Tamanthar outpost (2)
- 13) Kyikyun outpost (3) with Nanthardaung Chaungwa outpost (3)
- 14) Nanthardaung outpost (3) with Nanthardaung village outpost (3)
- 15) Tharyargone outpost (3) with Thinbawhla outpost (3)
- 16) Letyarchaung outpost (2) with Mingalarnyunt outpost (2)
- 17) Kyaukpyinseik outpost (6) with Pynphyu, Zinpaingnyar, Labawzar outposts (6)
- 18) NyaungpinHla outpost (11) with Minyotaung outpost (11)
- 19) Udaung Bridge outpost (8) with Udaung (NaTaLa) outpost (8)
- 20) Thinbawkway outpost (9) with Indin outpost (9)
- 21) Chainkarli outpost (8) with Alelthankyaw Area Office outpost (8)
- 22) Kywe Yaing outpost (10) with Kyaungtaung outpost (10)
- 23) MaungNi outpost (6) with POE outpost (6)

The aforementioned merges are not withdrawal of police and military forces from the area but collaboration efforts to strengthen the outposts in case further possible violent attacks occur and to provide better security to ethnic villages. —State Counsellor Office's Information Committee ■

H.E. U Hau Do Suan Presents Credentials to Governor-General of Jamaica

U Hau Do Suan, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Jamaica, presented his Credentials to His Excellency the Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen, Governor-General of Jamaica on 22 August 2017, in Kingston.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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

Global leaders commit to eradicating modern slavery

SYDNEY — Global business tycoons and politicians from 48 countries committed to ending human trafficking, forced labour and modern slavery on Friday at a landmark gathering of high-profile leaders in the Australian city of Perth.

The forum, launched last year to expand public-private partnership to eradicate these crimes, saw participation from the heads of US retail giant Wal-Mart Stores Inc, Japan's Mitsui and China's JD.com, among others.

"It's about accepting standard for good labour practices throughout the supply chain," said Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi.

The forum is also working to raise awareness on ethical business practices and establishing a "spatial mechanism" to ensure immediate identification, processing and assistance for victims of human trafficking, Marsudi added.

"I propose that during the next Bali meeting next year, the industries, the private sector, will be able to showcase the best practices that have been taken by industries on initiatives resulted from this forum," Mar-



Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs Julie Bishop speaks as she sits next to Indonesia's Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi during the Bali Process Government and Business Forum held in Perth, Australia, on 25 August 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

sudi said.

While the forum made general commitments it fell short of concrete action plans.

The Global Slavery Index estimates that 45 million people around the world are victims of modern slavery. It is estimated that two-thirds of these people were from the Indo-Pacific region.

"It is true that business and

government, if we come together for the first time, have the power to end it. This has never been done before," said Andrew Forrest, chairman of Australia's Fortescue Metals Group and a co-chair of Friday's forum.

Forrest urged governments across the Indo-Pacific region to adopt a Modern Slavery Act as a mean to tackle the problem.

Australia has instigated two

parliamentary inquiries into the adoption of a Modern Slavery Act and the government is waiting for the reports, said Foreign Minister Julie Bishop.

Bishop said the Australian government is looking to introduce the legislation "as soon as possible" but did not put a specific date on it. The laws will be inspired by the UK's Modern Slavery Act 2015. —Reuters ■

WORLD BRIEFS

Thai Supreme Court postpones verdict on former PM Yingluck

BANGKOK — The Supreme Court of Thailand on Friday postponed the verdict in former Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's rice pledging case to 27 September as she failed to show up at the court.

Yingluck on Thursday called on her supporters to stay at home to cheer for her tomorrow instead of gathering in front of the Supreme Court. —Xinhua ■

Iran says new nuclear plant ready by 2025

TEHRAN — Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran (AEOI) announced that a new nuclear power plant which is built in cooperation with Russia will be launched before 2025, Press TV reported on Friday.

Behrouz Kamalvandi, the spokesman of the AEOI, told media that another nuclear power plant would also be made operational in 2027. He said that the projects could generate 2,100 megawatts collectively, namely, 1,050 megawatts each, once they become fully operational. Russia has built Iran's first nuclear power plant at the Persian Gulf port city of Bushehr. —Xinhua ■

14 dead after bus falls into sea in southern Russia

MOSCOW — A bus plunged into the Black Sea in southern Russia's Krasnodar region Friday morning, killing at least 14 people, the Russian Investigative Committee said.

The bus carrying employees of a local company fell into the Black Sea from a pier under construction in the southern part of Taman Peninsula in the Krasnodar region, according to the committee.

"Currently, investigators are establishing the circumstances of the accident and clarifying the data on the dead and the injured," it said. The Krasnodar regional government said the bus was carrying 35 people, and the regional division of the Russian Emergencies Ministry said more than 20 people have been rescued. —Xinhua ■

Divisions bubble up as Brexit talks resume

BRUSSELS — Divisions between Britain and the EU over mapping out their divorce will be laid bare in Brussels next week when the two sides meet for another round of negotiations whose timetable already looks tight.

London is keen to focus on what happens after Brexit but the bloc says more ground must first be covered on settling the terms of the departure, including the bill, leaving dozens of officials to pick their way through a diplomatic minefield from Monday to Thursday.

The 27 remaining EU states are also insisting on seeing progress on safeguarding expatriate rights and sorting out the future Irish border before they can declare the "sufficient progress"

that would allow them to broach talks about Britain's future relationship with the EU.

Time is short in the negotiations, which started in June and should conclude before the expected Brexit date in late March 2019. Otherwise Britain risks leaving the EU with little clarity over what happens next.

"There are no major expectations as regards next week's round. The documents published by Britain (this week) refer more to the future relationship than the things to settle in the first place," an EU diplomat said.

"Many matters, including the financial aspect most importantly, remain unclear from the British side. So the EU expects no big progress, which makes any 'significant progress' less

likely in October."

Talks have been slowed by an ill-judged snap election called by Prime Minister Theresa May that weakened her governing Conservative Party and exposed rifts among her ministers over what sort of Brexit they would seek.

Several position papers released this week have made clear London will often look to replicate as closely as possible its existing arrangements as an EU member after it leaves.

But the EU has dug in its heels, saying it wants to get much more on the three priority areas before anything else.

"We won't be talking about the future during this round, nothing about customs arrangements or some such," an EU of-

ficial said. "We need detail, the withdrawal deal ...has to be a legal text."

One key point of contention is London's desire, reaffirmed this week, to break free from the jurisdiction of the EU's top court, the European Court of Justice (ECJ). For the EU ensuring the ECJ can police the withdrawal agreement and continue to have the final say in disputes involving EU citizens residing in Britain - and vice versa - is essential.

The bloc largely brushed what May called an initial "generous offer" on citizens' rights, saying much more detailed legal assurances were necessary.

While there is some common ground, sources on both sides say more technical work is needed. —Reuters ■

US fighter pilots in Afghanistan prepare for more air strikes

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, (Afghanistan) — For the fighter pilots at the largest US military base in Afghanistan, President Donald Trump's new strategy for the war should mean escalating an already surging air campaign, and possibly including an unrestrained offensive against the Taliban.

The number of US air strikes in Afghanistan has already dramatically spiked since Trump took office in January, from 1,074 in all of last year to 2,244 as of 20 August this year.

After a months-long review of his Afghanistan policy, Trump committed the United States last week to an open-ended conflict in the country and promised a stepped-up campaign against the Taliban insurgents.

Few details have emerged, but the pilots in Bagram are preparing for the possibility they'll be taking the fight to the Taliban in a way they haven't since the US-led "combat mission" in Afghanistan was called off at the end of 2014.

Among their targets since then have been Islamic State militants, who are also active in the country.

"Between the two groups, the Taliban are definitely smarter," F-16 pilot Maj. Daniel Lindsey told Reuters. "The Taliban



A US Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft takes off for a nighttime mission at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, on 22 August 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

are much harder to kill."

While Islamic State has launched a series of deadly attacks around the country, it has nowhere near the influence, reach, and community ties that the Taliban has.

It's those factors that pilots say make the Taliban a more challenging target, and one that has outlasted years of heavy bombardment.

"The Taliban is often embedded in the community, but nobody likes the Islamic State, so they are often separate," Lindsey said.

In many ways, Trump's policy is less a new plan than the continuation of a slow slide back into combat for American troops, although officials

are quick to say their mission will remain focused on training and advising Afghan forces.

On Thursday, the commander of US troops in Afghanistan, Gen. John Nicholson, confirmed that his forces would increase air support for Afghan troops.

"We know the enemy fears air power," he told reporters in Kabul.

White House officials have said that rolling back territorial gains by the Taliban will be one of the key objectives of the new strategy.

For a time after former president Barack Obama declared America's combat mission over in Afghanistan at the end of 2014, US forces were restricted

from attacking the Taliban in most circumstances except self-defence.

As the group expanded its hold in Afghanistan, however, Obama began to loosen some of those rules and Trump has gone further in sending US troops back into battle with their old adversaries.

Asked about the recent effects of US air strikes, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said the group's fighters had become used to dodging American bombs.

"In 2010, 2011 and 2012 the US air strikes were successful and we lost many Mujahedeen," he told Reuters. "But now we have enough experience to avoid casualties during their strikes by hiding in

mountain holes and other places."

Still, forcing the Taliban to hide and preventing them from massing fighters has in some cases been credited with helping Afghan security forces hold on to some cities and blunt Taliban offensives.

Trump also announced that he would "lift restrictions and expand authorities in the field," but it remains unclear exactly what that would entail.

A US military spokesman in Kabul, Capt. William Salvin, said US forces are still limited to conducting air strikes in three broad circumstances: self-defence, counter-terrorism strikes against specific groups, and helping Afghan troops achieve

"strategic effects."

He declined to say whether those parameters might change.

The US military does not publicise its rules of engagement, but Lindsey said compared to when he was a fighter pilot at the height of the troop surge in Iraq in 2007, the so-called "ROE" in Afghanistan were less restrictive.

"Some guys can complain about it, but most I know don't seem to have any problem finding Islamic State or Taliban to kill," he said. "If you use the rules smartly, you'll get the bad guys."

The surge in air strikes has led the US Air Force units at Bagram to increase their maintenance and intelligence efforts, said F-16 pilot Maj. Abraham Lehman.

Officials say ramping up the number of strikes further would require the deployment of more support staff as well as additional specialised troops on the ground to coordinate the strikes.

While he said he had no information on new plans to deploy additional aircraft, Lehman said it "made sense" to increase air support as the Pentagon sends thousands more troops to the country.

"What we do is always a joint effort between us and the ground troops," Lehman said.—Reuters ■

Warplanes hit Yemen capital, casualties include children

DUBAI — An air strike on Yemen's capital Sanaa killed 12 people including six children on Friday, rescuers said.

The attack on the Faj Attan area on the outskirts of the city also severely damaged at least two buildings, reducing much of them to rubble, they said.

Residents and rescuers dug through debris to retrieve the bloodied, dust-covered bodies of several children, who

appeared aged under 10 years old.

People at the scene told Reuters The warplanes were believed to be from a Saudi-led Arab coalition waging a 2-1/2-year-old campaign against the Iran-aligned Houthi movement for control of the country in a war which has killed at least 10,000 people.

The Houthis and their ally, former president Ali Abdullah Saleh, control much of the north

of the country, including Sanaa. Yemen's internationally-recognised government is backed by the Saudi-led military alliance and is based in the south.

The United Nations human rights office called on Friday for an independent investigation into air strikes by the Saudi-led coalition on a hotel near Sanaa on Wednesday that killed more than 30 people, as well as civilians in two other hits.—Reuters

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Japan, China, S Korea agree to join hands to combat fire ant woes

SUWON, (South Korea) — The environment ministers of Japan, China and South Korea agreed Friday to cooperate in addressing the growing problem of venomous fire ants, which have recently been found in containers shipped from overseas.

Wrapping up their two-day meeting in Suwon, south of Seoul, the ministers adopted a joint statement saying they will share information on the "current status of invasive alien species" as well as the "best practices of the countermeasures" in dealing with such species.

The trilateral meeting came at a time when the Japanese government is stepping up efforts to curb the spread of fire ants — native to South America — entering the country through containers shipped from overseas, mostly China.

The fire ants are known for their sting, which can cause anaphylaxis, a severe allergic reaction that can lead to



Japan's Environment Minister Masaharu Nakagawa and his Chinese and South Korean counterparts — Li Ganjie and Kim Eun Kyung — attend trilateral environmental talks in Suwon, South Korea, on 25 August 2017. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

breathing problems and even death.

After their talks, Japanese Environment Minister Masaharu Nakagawa told a press conference, "I hope that our cooperation will make further headway in measures" to deal with such species, apparently with fire ants in mind.

Nakagawa said dur-

ing the plenary meeting it is important to detect and remove invasive species early on at ports, and that this is a common challenge for countries.

On Thursday, Nakagawa separately held talks with his Chinese counterpart Li Ganjie and agreed to consider how to cooperate to resolve the fire ant woes

at the working level. He also met with South Korean counterpart Kim Eun Kyung and agreed to share information on the matter.

The Japanese Environment Ministry said a trilateral working-level meeting is expected to take place next week in the central Japan city of Shizuoka.

The fire ants were found for the first time in Japan when a container was unloaded in May in the city of Amagasaki in Hyogo Prefecture, western Japan, after it was shipped from Guangzhou, China via Kobe port. The ants have since then been found in major ports in Tokyo and other prefectures.

The ministers also agreed to launch joint research to consider how to achieve from the environmental standpoint the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals toward eradicating poverty and inequality, according to the statement.

The statement also said the ministers reviewed the progress made in a 2015-2019 action plan, listing nine areas of cooperation including the toxic air pollutant PM2.5, or particles measuring 2.5 microns in diameter or smaller.

According to the statement, they will continue and boost information sharing on regional air pollution control measures. They will also speed up efforts to deal with maritime waste and hold a seminar on waste management policy in Japan this year.

The three countries have held annual environmental talks since 1999. China is scheduled to host the next meeting in 2018.—Kyodo News ■

Brazil ferry capsizes, at least 22 dead in second accident this week

RIO DE JANEIRO — A ferry carrying roughly 130 passengers capsized in Brazil's coastal state of Bahia on Thursday, killing at least 22 people, the country's second fatal maritime accident this week, port

authorities told Reuters.

Local authorities said 21 others had been rescued by the navy after the ferry capsized on an early morning trip between Ilha de Itaparica and state capital Salvador.

"Others were rescued by their own means, since the location was not far from the coast and also not so deep," said Flávio Almeida, a naval captain.

"We are working hard on rescue efforts at the

site," he said.

The governor of Bahia declared three days of mourning in response to the tragedy.

In a separate incident in the northern state of Pará on Tuesday, the death

toll rose to 21, with five people still missing, according to a statement on the Pará state government's website on Thursday.

The statement said 23 people were rescued on Tuesday.

The boat that sank Tuesday was not legally authorized to transport passengers, it said, citing the Regulation and Control Agency for Public Services for the State of Pará.—Reuters ■

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Worst monsoon floods in years kill more than 1,200 across South Asia

BHUBANESWAR, (India)/DHAKA — The death toll from floods in India, Bangladesh and Nepal has climbed above 1,200, officials said on Friday, as rescue workers scramble to provide aid to millions of people stranded by the worst such disaster in years.

All three countries suffer frequent flooding during the June-September monsoon season, but international aid agencies say things are worse this year with thousands of villages cut off and people deprived of food and clean water for days.

Government officials in India's eastern state of Bihar said at least 379 peo-



People are rescued from a flooded village in Motihari, Bihar State, India, on 23 August 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

ple had been killed over the past few days, with thousands sheltered in relief camps away from their

inundated homes.

"This year farming has collapsed due to floods and we will witness a sharp

rise in unemployment," said Anirudh Kumar, a disaster management official in Patna, the capital

of poor Bihar state known for mass migration to cities in search of jobs.

In neighbouring Uttar Pradesh, at least 88 people were killed when floods swamped nearly half of the vast state of 220 million people.

Rajan Kumar, a federal interior ministry official in New Delhi overseeing the rescue and relief operations, said at least 850 people had been killed in six flood-affected states in the past month.

"A second wave of floods led to widespread destruction," he said. "We will have to provide immediate rehabilitation aid to help millions affected directly."—Reuters ■

Hurricane Harvey strengthens, threatens US with most powerful storm in 12 years

GALVESTON, (Texas) — Hurricane Harvey intensified early on Friday into potentially the biggest hurricane to hit the US mainland in more than a decade, as authorities warned locals to shelter from what could be life-threatening winds and floods.

Harvey is set to make

landfall late Friday or early Saturday on the central Texas coast where Corpus Christi and Houston are home to some of the biggest US refineries. Oil and gas operations have already been affected and gasoline prices have spiked.

"Now is the time to ur-

gently hide from the wind. Failure to adequately shelter may result in serious injury, loss of life, or immense human suffering," the National Weather Service said.

Harvey grew into a category 2 storm with winds of 105 mph (169 kph) as it moved northwest

about 185 miles (295 km) off Port O'Connor, Texas, the National Hurricane Center said.

Up to 35 inches (97 cm) of rain are expected over parts of Texas, with winds up to 125 mph, and sea levels may surge as high as 12 feet (3.7 metres). Louisiana could get 10 to

15 inches of rain. Flood warnings are in effect for Louisiana and northern Mexico.

"Life-threatening and devastating flooding expected near the coast due to heavy rainfall and storm surge," the hurricane center said.—Reuters ■

Nagasaki mayor, A-bomb survivor to attend nuke ban treaty signing

NAGASAKI — Nagasaki Mayor Tomihisa Taue said Friday he and a survivor of the city's atomic bombing plan to attend the signing ceremony in New York next month of the world's first treaty to comprehensively prohibit nuclear weapons.

"I want to send a message to the world that a bombed city is supporting this treaty," Taue told a press conference.

Representing the "hibakusha" — the survivors of the bombings — will be Masao Tomonaga, 74, honorary director of the Japa-

nese Red Cross Society's atomic bomb hospital in Nagasaki. The ban treaty was adopted in July by 122 UN members. But Japan refused to participate in the negotiations, along with the world's nuclear weapon states and other countries under the US nuclear umbrella.

In a peace declaration at his city's annual ceremony to commemorate the atomic bombing on 9 August, 1945, Taue demanded that the Japanese government join the treaty, calling the government's stance "incomprehensible."

The treaty will be open for signing from 20 September at the UN headquarters in New York. It will enter into force 90 days after the document has been ratified by 50 nations and will be legally in effect for an unlimited time.

Taue also said Friday he wants to meet UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres and Elayne Whyte Gomez, the Costa Rican ambassador who led the treaty talks.

There is no plan for him to make a speech at the signing ceremony.

Izumi Nakamitsu, UN undersecretary general and high representative for disarmament affairs, had told Taue at a meeting in Nagasaki on 7 August that ambassadors of countries that adopted the treaty hope to see people from the city at the ceremony.

Tomonaga said Friday he feels greatly moved by the opportunity.

"The signing ceremony is a great step forward for this treaty, which was put into motion by the work of hibakusha and civic groups," he said.—Kyodo News ■

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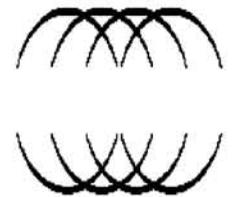
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Pedestrians look at "doll" model Lulu Hashimoto standing on the street during a photo opportunity for Reuters in Tokyo, Japan, on 23 August 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Meet Lulu Hashimoto, the 'living doll' fashion model

TOKYO — Meet Lulu Hashimoto, a "living doll" and the latest trend in Tokyo's fashion modeling scene.

Lulu — a full-body doll suit consisting of a wig, a mask and stockings patterned with doll-like joints — was born from one woman's desire to become cute.

"I have always really liked dolls and for me, the epitome of cuteness is dolls," said the 23-year-old fashion designer Hitomi Komaki, who created Lulu.

Dressing up as a mascot, called "kigurumi" in Japanese, is a popular art form in Japan. Komaki has taken it to a new level by creating a body suit that looks

like a doll and lets you move like a human.

"Many people call my project a fetish, but for me it's not a fetish but fashion," she said. "It's like wearing nice clothes or putting on false eyelashes to become cuter."

There is only one Lulu body suit, Komaki said, but dancers, designers and models are among those who have worn the costume.

The identity of exactly who is inside is secret, she added.

The stockings worn by Lulu were created by fellow fashion designer Koh Ueno, who airbrushes doll-like joints onto the material.

"I want to see women wear

these stockings and transform," said 29-year-old Ueno.

"I want them to experience the extraordinary - to become otherworldly, artificial, or like a doll," he said.

While popular among fans of Japanese subculture, Lulu is now turning heads at the annual Miss iD beauty pageant where she is among the 134 semi-finalists chosen from around 4,000 entrants.

The pageant, which includes "non-human" characters generated by artificial intelligence and three-dimensional computer graphics for the first time, will announce a winner in November.

Lulu's ability to blur the line

between reality and fiction has mesmerized fans on social media, where the Lulu Twitter and Instagram accounts have drawn tens of thousands of followers.

"I find it miraculous that dolls and humans — two things that exist in different planes — are standing in the same space," said Erika Kato, 24, who met Lulu for the first time at a recent fan event.

The possibility of wearing a suit and becoming Lulu also appealed to fans like 22-year-old Miu Shimoda.

"I'd like to be a beautiful girl like Lulu at least once in my life," she said.—Reuters ■

French singer Charles Aznavour gets Hollywood star at age 93

LOS ANGELES — French singer Charles Aznavour finally got a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Thursday, capping a more than 70-year career as one of his country's most popular entertainers.

Aznavour, 93, who was born Shahnour Varinag Aznavourian in Paris to Armenian parents, has sold more than 100 million records in 80 countries. He has been described as France's equivalent to Frank Sinatra.

The singer on Thursday described himself as happy at the honor - with reservations.

"The word I can say is happy, and with a part of emotion, of course, because we are far away from my country, from my way of living, from my way of being received by the people," he said at the Hollywood ceremony.

Aznavour began his career peddling his words and music to the Paris boulevardiers of the 40s and 50s - Edith Piaf, Maurice Chevalier and Charles Trenet.

He soon became adept himself at interpreting emotional love songs, recording hits like "She," "Hier Encore" (Yesterday When I Was Young), "Après l'Amour" (After Love) and "La Boheme."

Aznavour is also known for his humanitarian work in Armenia, especially after the 1988 earthquake that killed tens of thousands of people. He was granted Armenian citizenship in 2008 and was appointed in 2009 to be that country's ambassador to Switzerland, a position he still holds.—Reuters ■

Hollywood studios win ruling over VidAngel family-friendly filters

LOS ANGELES — A federal appeals court has sided with Hollywood studios by refusing to let VidAngel stream family-friendly versions of their movies that filter out profane language, sex and nudity, violence, and alcohol and drug use.

The 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals on Thursday let stand a preliminary injunction against the Provo, Utah-based start-up, and in favor of Walt Disney Co

and its LucasFilm unit, 20th Century Fox Film Inc and Warner Bros Entertainment. US District Judge Andre Birotte in Los Angeles had found that the studios were likely to prevail on their copyright claims, and absent an injunction suffer irreparable harm such as lost revenue and damaged relationships and goodwill with licensees. The decision was a victory for Hollywood in its long fight against alleged piracy.

VidAngel said it was reviewing its next steps after the 3-0 decision by the Pasadena, California-based appeals court.

"On the legal front, we are just getting started," Chief Executive Neal Harmon said in a statement. "We will fight for a family's right to filter on modern technology all the way." VidAngel buys DVDs and Blu-ray discs containing movies and TV shows, "rips" decrypted copies to computers,

and streams sanitized content to customers for as little as \$1. Its lawyers said a 2005 federal law, the Family Home Movie Act, shielded VidAngel from piracy claims by letting viewers, including parents with children, filter unwanted content from "authorized" copies of movies. Circuit Judge Andrew Hurwitz, however, said VidAngel's stance would create a "giant loophole" in copyright law, sanctioning infringement so

long as copies of movies such as Disney's "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" were purchased legally. "If the mere purchase of an authorized copy alone precluded infringement liability," Hurwitz wrote, "the statute would severely erode the commercial value of the public performance right in the digital context, permitting, for example, unlicensed streams which filter out only a movie's credits."—Reuters ■

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Bereaved family

Massachusetts woman named as \$759 million Powerball winner

BOSTON — Massachusetts lottery officials on Thursday identified a 53-year-old health care worker who lives in Chicopee as the winner of more than \$750 million (585.6 million pounds) in a Powerball drawing, the largest prize for a single ticket-holder in the contest's history.

The woman, Mavis Wanczyk, appeared at an afternoon news conference to claim her prize.

"I wanted to get this over and done with, and then everyone would leave me alone," Wanczyk, the mother of a 31-year-old daughter and a 26-year-old son, told reporters on

Thursday. She said she had worked for the past 32 years at a Springfield hospital, but added: "I've called them and told them I will not be coming back."

Powerball said on its website that the single ticket matched all six numbers drawn on Wednesday night: 6, 7, 16, 23, 26 and the Powerball of 4. Wanczyk said she learned of her win when a colleague encouraged her to check her ticket as she left work on Wednesday.

"I said: 'I know it's never going to be me; it's just a pipe dream,'" Wanczyk said, adding that she was shocked to find "I am a winner." —Reuters ■

At ancient pyramid in Peru, remains of 19th century Chinese labourers found

LIMA — Archaeologists exploring Peru's pre-Columbian past recently unearthed a glimpse of a less prominent chapter in the Andean country's history - the remains of 16 Chinese labourers who toiled in the country over 100 years ago.

The bodies, thought to be those of indentured workers brought to Peru to replace slave labour, were found buried at the top of an adobe pyramid first used by the ancient Ichma people, Roxana Gomez, the lead archaeologist of the site, said on Thursday.

Peru was one of the biggest destinations for Chinese labour in Latin America in the 19th century, a market that thrived after slavery was abolished in the country in 1854.

The Chinese found at the Bellavista pyramid in Lima were buried in the late 1800s and early 1900s and had likely picked cotton at a nearby plantation in "very difficult" conditions, said Gomez.

In a possible sign of how the Chinese gradually emerged from dire poverty in Peru, the first 11 bodies were shrouded in cloth and placed in the



Archaeologist works at a tomb of one of sixteen Chinese migrants, discovered buried at the turn of the 20th century in the pre-colombian pyramid of Bellavista, according to Ministry of Culture, in Lima, Peru, on 24 August 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

ground, while the last five wore blue-green jackets and were buried in wooden coffins, Gomez said.

"In one Chinese coffin, an opium pipe and a small ceramic vessel were included in the funerary ensemble," said Gomez.

Chinese labourers were generally not allowed to be buried at Lima's Catholic cemeteries, forcing them to improvise burial sites, according to Peru's Culture Ministry. The remains of Chi-

nese labourers were previously found in Lima at other adobe pyramids known as "huacas." Built by the indigenous societies that once ruled much of Peru's Pacific coast, huacas were used as administrative and religious centres where members of the elite were often buried with gold objects, ceramics or human sacrifices.

Gomez said the huacas had a sacred association that might have made them attractive places for

burial by Chinese labourers. The Bellavista huaca was occupied by Ichma starting in about 1000 A.D. and was later annexed by the Incan empire until the arrival of Spanish conquerors who deemed huacas blasphemous.

Italian immigrants later kept vineyards at the base of the site, Gomez added.

"The best way to understand our history is as a continuum of different cultures," said Gomez. —Reuters ■



Programme Schedule
(26-8-2017, Saturday)

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| 6:00 Am | ◆ Paritta by Hilly Region Missionary Sayadsaw | 4:35 Pm | ◆ Documentary |
| 7:00 Am | ◆ Breakfast News | 4:40 Pm | ◆ ASEAN Programme |
| 7:35 Am | ◆ Weekly Sport Info | 5:35 Pm | ◆ NHK Programme "Exploring Nerves" (Information Transfer Between Neurons) |
| 8:35 Am | ◆ Talk Show | 5:50 Pm | ◆ Documentary |
| 8:50 Am | ◆ Pan Pyo Khin (Part-22) | 6:20 Pm | ◆ Talk Show |
| 9:10 Am | ◆ World of Innovations | 7:15 Pm | ◆ TV Drama Series |
| 9:30 Am | ◆ Documentary | 8:00 Pm | ◆ News/ International News/ Weather Report |
| 10:30 Am | ◆ Poem for children | ◆ Peace Music Festival (Sittway) | |
| 11:00 Am | ◆ Health and Vegetables | ◆ 29 th SEA Games Programme | |
| 11:15 Am | ◆ SEA Games (Football) | ◆ Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competition | |
| 11:35 Am | ◆ Game for Children | | |
| 12:30 Pm | ◆ TV Drama Series | | |
| 2:15 Pm | ◆ 29 th SEA Games Football (Semi Final) (Tailand Vs Myanmar) | | |



Myanmar International
Programme Schedule

(26-8-2017 07:00am -27-8-2017 07:00am) MST

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| 07:03 | Am | News |
| 07:26 | Am | Great Shwedagon - The Sacred Hair Relics Hailing Pagodas |
| 07:54 | Am | Modifying Natural Thanakha Bark into Ready-make Skin Care Product |
| 08:03 | Am | News |
| 08:25 | Am | Clay Toy Pots Festival |
| 08:42 | Am | Ancient Heritage at Natalin |
| 08:53 | Am | School for the Blind |
| 09:03 | Am | News |
| 09:26 | Am | Myanmar's Beauty and Nature "Beach" |
| 09:52 | Am | Talented Musicians |
| 10:03 | Am | News |
| 10:26 | Am | Next Generation "Skater" |

10:35 Am Yathe Taung Township In A Nut-Shell

(11:00 Am ~ 03:00 Pm)-Friday Repeat (07:00 Am ~ 11:00 Am)
(03:00 Pm ~ 07:00 Pm)-Today Repeat (07:00 Am ~ 11:00 Am)

Prime Time

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| 07:03 | Pm | News |
| 07:25 | Pm | A Journey To Southern Shan State (Ep-3) |
| 07:41 | Pm | Sweet Delicacy Of Pathein |
| 07:48 | Pm | Today Myanmar: World Elephant Day |
| 08:03 | Pm | News |
| 08:26 | Pm | Hanthawaddy U Win Tin: A Fearless Man (Ep-1) |
| 08:49 | Pm | Myanmar Masterclass: Artist Pann Kyi |

(09:00 Pm ~ 11:00 Pm)-Today Repeat (09:00 Am ~ 11:00 Am)
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Medals for Sepak Takraw, billiards at SEA Games

Myanmar won the gold medal in the Sepak Takraw women's doubles event, and the silver medal at the men's double Sepak takraw event at the Titiawangsa Stadium.

The Myanmar men's team was defeated by Thailand in the final of the men's doubles event, but the women's team beat Vietnam decisively in the final match for the gold medal. At the Billiard singles matches held at KICC Convention Center Hall (4), Myanmar won the silver medal as

Chit Ko Ko beat the Singapore player decisively. Myanmar billiards player Nay Thway Oo got the bronze medal after he was defeated by the Singapore player in the semifinal.

In the snooker event, Ko Htet from Myanmar beat Malaysia and advanced to the semifinals.

Myanmar has already earned six gold medals, eight silver medals and 12 bronze medals at this year's SEA Games. —Public Sports and Educative Department ■



Myanmar Sepak Takraw team seen with gold medals at Titiawangsa Stadium in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. **PHOTO: PUBLIC SPORTS AND EDUCATIVE DEPARTMENT**

Myanmar, Thailand to play semifinal today at SEA Games

Kyaw Zin Lin

The Myanmar men's football team will play an important semifinal match against Thailand today at 2:30pm Myanmar Standard Time (4pm Malaysia Standard Time) at Selayang Stadium in Kuala Lumpur.

Both teams are motivated for a victory at this year's SEA Games. Thailand is a former gold medalist in the event, and Myanmar won the silver medal at the 28th SEA Games in Singapore in 2015. Myanmar will likely use Aung Thu and Aung Kaung Man at the attacking positions

and Si Thu Aung and Maung Maung Lwin in the midfield.

"Our team is in the best shape, as the players have had enough rest before this match, but we will still have to work hard, as Thailand is one of the best teams in ASEAN and possesses not only brilliant attackers but also defenders," said Myanmar Head Coach Gerd Zeise.

"Thailand is a previous SEA Games winner, nevertheless we, Myanmar team players, will do the best to reach the final stage", said Myanmar star Aung Kaung Mann. ■

Myanmar U-18 to have friendly match in Thailand

Kyaw Zin Lin

In preparation for the AFF U-18 Youth Championship, the Myanmar U-18 national football team will play a friendly match with Thailand U-18 team in Bangkok on Sunday, according to the Myanmar Football Federation website.

The 2017 AFF U-18 Youth Championship is the 14th edition of the competition, organized by the ASEAN Football Federation. This year's football

matches will be held from 4 to 17 September.

Myanmar drew out of the group stage last year. Eleven-member associations of the ASEAN Football Federation will take part in the tournament featuring two groups of five and six teams. Host Myanmar is included in Group B together with Vietnam, the Philippines, Brunei and Indonesia. Group A consists of previous champion Thailand, Malaysia, Laos, Cambodia, Singapore and Timor-Leste. ■

Japan women bag 3 golds at world c'ships

PARIS — Rio Olympic champions Sara Dosho and Risako Kawai and debutant Yui Susaki won gold at the world wrestling championships, while Mayu Mukaida settled for silver Thursday as all four Japanese women advanced to the finals of their respective weight categories.

Dosho defeated Aline Focken of Germany 3-0 in the 69-kilogram final, Kawai beat Allison Ragan of the United States by technical fall at 60 kg and 18-year-old Susaki came from behind to prevail over Emilia Vuc of Romania in 48 kg, each claiming her first world title.

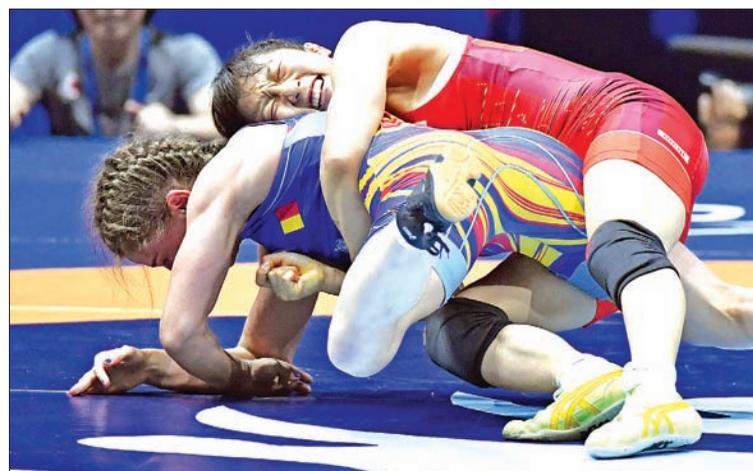
Vanessa Kaladzinskaya of Belarus prevented a Japanese sweep Thursday by winning the 53-kg final 8-6 over Mukaida.

Japan has claimed five gold medals at the ongoing world championships in Paris, including Haruna Okuno's win in the women's 55 kg and Kenichiro Fumita's victory in the men's Greco-Roman 59-kg division.

Dosho, 22, had suffered a left shoulder injury prior to the worlds and has been able to compete with the help of pain killers.

"I was able to win at the Olympics, but I didn't have a gold medal from the world championships," said Dosho, making her fourth appearance at a world meet after finishing runner-up behind Focken in 2014 and taking bronze in 2013 and 2015.

"If I didn't win here, I couldn't have helped it if people thought



Yui Susaki (top) of Japan and Emilia Alina Vuc of Romania compete in the women's 48-kilogram final at the world wrestling championships in Paris on 24 August, 2017. Susaki won gold. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

my Olympic victory was just a fluke. I feel like I finally became a real champion," she said.

Kawai, who won gold in 63 kg at the Rio de Janeiro Games last year and was a silver medalist at the worlds in 2015, noted that the gold medal at a world championship has "different weight" from the won she won at the Olympic Games. "These world championships were difficult because I had won at the Olympics. Opponents have done a lot of research on me. I think this difficulty is something that only Sara (Dosho) and I can understand," the 22-year-old Kawai said.

Susaki, the reigning Asian champion who won four of her five bouts — including the final — by technical fall, said, "I endured hard training because I wanted to become a world champion. I'm very happy to win

the gold medal."

Mukaida, who won in last year's world championships for non-Olympic weight classes at 55 kg, allowed 2012 world champion Kaladzinskaya to come from behind in the last 10 seconds of their match. Japanese women won six medals — four golds, one silver and one bronze — in eight categories, in the absence of veterans Kaori Ichio, who won her fourth straight Olympic gold at Rio last year, and Saori Yoshida, who had three consecutive Summer Games golds until settling for silver in Rio. Meanwhile, the sport's ruling body, United World Wrestling, has eliminated the four weight classes in which Japanese women won gold medals at last year's Olympics. The new classes will be 50, 53, 57, 62, 68 and 76 kg. Japan's Rio medals came in 48, 58, 63 and 69 kg. —Kyodo News ■