



PHOTO: AFP
Myanmar democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi (R) meets with UN special representative to Myanmar Vijay Nambiar (L) at her house in Yangon yesterday during his two-day visit to Yangon.

UN envoy meets Suu Kyi

REUTERS, AP, Yangon

A top United Nations envoy held talks with Myanmar pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi on Saturday but there was no indication the country's reclusive military rulers were willing to meet him.

Vijay Nambiar met with Nobel laureate Suu Kyi, who was released from seven years of house arrest on November 13, for nearly two hours in Yangon but his itinerary did not include the capital Naypyitaw, home to government ministers and the junta top brass.

Diplomats said Nambiar's failure to meet the regime on his first visit, just a few weeks after Myanmar's first election in two decades and ahead of the formation of a new civilian-led government, suggests there could be many hurdles ahead in the West's efforts to engage the generals.

Nambiar, who was appointed special envoy to Myanmar by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon earlier this year, was scheduled to meet diplomats and recently elected lawmakers over the weekend. He is due to leave Myanmar on Monday.

Suu Kyi has been given a free reign by the generals since her release, which has raised some suspicion about their motives.

She welcomed the Indian diplomat's visit and called for more engagement with the UN.

"We were able to tell him what we wanted to do, while we got a chance to know the secretary general's feelings," Suu Kyi told reporters.

"It was a worthwhile meeting for all. We need to meet more."

Nambiar is a former Indian ambassador

to China and is believed to have a good relationship with Beijing, a key ally of the Myanmar junta. He recently visited India, China and Singapore to discuss issues related to Myanmar and its political process.

He is Ban's chief of staff and has replaced Ibrahim Gambari, who served as the UN's envoy to Myanmar for four years but was widely criticized as being ineffective.

Freedom of speech for members of parliament in military-controlled Myanmar will be restricted under laws that dictate the functioning of the newly elected government.

The curbs announced Friday in an official gazette also set a two-year prison term for any protest staged within the parliament compound.

They come after elections this month that were swept by the military-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party.

Sarah Palin criticises media after slip-up

AFP, Washington

US conservative standard bearer Sarah Palin has accused critics of unfairly singling her out, after a slip of the tongue rekindled questions about her credibility.

After mistakenly urging radio listeners to "stand with our North Korean allies," the Alaskan, who looks increasingly likely to run for the White House in 2012, protested that President Barack Obama had made similar slips and not been singled out.

"They couldn't resist the temptation to turn a simple one word slip-of-the-tongue of mine into a major political headline," Palin wrote on her Facebook page late Thursday.

The former governor pointed to instances in which Obama had mistakenly said there were 57 US states, instead of 50, and claimed the country was founded 20 centuries ago -- without, she said, stirring up the same kind of criticism.

"If you can't remember hearing about them, that's because for the most part the media didn't consider them newsworthy."

Always divisive and sometimes meandering in her speech, Palin has staked her popularity on conservative views and an unorthodox approach to politics.

But her disregard for the usual verbosity and pomp of Washington has caused some critics to portray her as incapable or unfit for the Oval Office.

Palin was particularly criticized as a vice presidential candidate at the last election in 2008 for her alleged lack of knowledge on key foreign policy issues.

Now the Sun has an owner

AFP, Madrid

After billions of years the Sun finally has an owner -- a woman from Spain's soggy region of Galicia said Friday she had registered the star at a local notary public as being her property.

Angeles Duran, 49, told the online edition of daily El Mundo she took the step in September after reading about an American man who had registered himself as the owner of the moon and most planets in our Solar System.

There is an international agreement, which states that no country may claim ownership of a planet or star, but it says nothing about individuals, she added.

"There was no snag, I backed my claim legally, I am not stupid, I know the law. I did it but anyone else could have done it, it simply occurred to me first."

The document issued by the notary public declares Duran to be the "owner of the Sun, a star of spectral type G2, located in the centre of the solar system, located at an average distance from Earth of about 149,600,000 kilometres".

Duran, who lives in the town of Salvaterra do Mino, said she now wants to slap a fee on everyone who uses the sun and give half of the proceeds to the Spanish government and 20 percent to the nation's pension fund.

Suicide attack at Afghan police HQ kills 12

AP, Kabul

Two suicide bombers wearing police uniforms blew themselves up at an Afghan police headquarters yesterday, killing at least 12 officers and wounding 16, officials said.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attacks, which happened within 20 minutes of each other in the eastern Paktika province.

Nawab Waziry, the head of Paktika's provincial council, said both men wore police uniforms and made it through three security gates before reaching the main building on the police compound. One attacker detonated his explosives inside the police headquarters building while the other blew himself up near the entrance, he said.

"There are lots of casualties," Waziry told The Associated Press. "The site was covered with blood."

Gen Daud Andarabi, the spokesman for the regional police commander in southeastern Afghanistan, said the blasts killed at least 12 officers.

The attack took place in one of the most violent areas of Afghanistan, where Nato and Afghan forces fight daily against the al-Qaeda linked Haqqani network.

India shrugs off Chinese influence in Sri Lanka

AFP, Colombo

India has no worries about rival China's expanding ties with Sri Lanka, India's foreign minister said on Friday, a week after Colombo unveiled a 1.5-billion-dollar Chinese-funded port.

SM Krishna, who met Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse earlier in the day, said Colombo's ties with Beijing and other capitals would not impact "historic relations" between the two South Asian neighbours.

Asked if New Delhi was concerned about increased Chinese interest in its southern neighbour, Krishna told reporters it was up to Sri Lanka to decide on its external relations.

"The relationship between India and Sri Lanka need not be at the cost of other countries. Sri Lanka's relationships with other countries depends upon Sri Lanka itself and we respect that," he said.

"Our ultimate objective is to see a prosperous, stable Sri Lanka at peace with itself," said Krishna, who was on a four-day official visit to Sri Lanka.

The Indian minister's comments came just over a week after a 1.5-billion-dollar Chinese-funded port was commissioned in the Sri Lankan town of Hambantota.



Arundhati Roy may be prosecuted

AFP, New Delhi

An Indian court ruled yesterday that award-winning author Arundhati Roy could face prosecution for allegedly speaking out on the disputed region of Kashmir, according to a report.

A court in Delhi allowed the registration of a case against Roy and hardline Kashmiri separatist Syed Ali Shah Geelani, the Press Trust of India reported, without giving further details.

Roy, winner of the prestigious Booker award for her novel "The God of Small Things" in 1997, is a fierce critic of Indian policy in Kashmir, where protests against New Delhi have claimed some 111 lives since June.

The writer and social activist shared a stage with Geelani in October and backed the idea of "azadi" or freedom for Kashmir, leading New Delhi police to look into charging her with sedition.

Originally, the Indian government was reported to be opposed to prosecuting her.

There was no immediate reaction from the writer.

In October, she said in a statement: "What I say (about Kashmir) comes from love and pride."

এসেনসিয়াল ড্রাগস কোম্পানী লিমিটেড

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ঢাকা-১২০৮।

সংক্ষিপ্ত স্থানীয় দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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(মোঃ আলী মোকাররম)

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