

# I'm no saint or icon: Suu Kyi

AFP, Sydney

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday insisted she was no saint and no icon, saying she disliked the titles and had always seen herself as an honest politician.

The celebrated activist and democracy champion endured years of house arrest at the hands of Myanmar's military regime and has been feted since her release, but she insisted she was just an ordinary person.

"I always thought that I was a politician, I look upon myself as a politician, not as an icon," she told an audience in Sydney during her first visit to Australia.

"I always object to the word icon, because it's very static, it stands there, sits there, hangs on the wall, and I happen to work very, very hard."

The Nobel Peace Prize winner said she disliked being called a saint

even more than an icon.

"Let me assure you I am no saint of any kind; this I find very troubling, because politicians are politicians, but I do believe there is such a thing as an honest politician and I aspire to that," she said.

The Oxford-trained daughter of the country's independence hero was released from house arrest in 2010 and said her dream for the country under the reformist government of President Thein Sein was "unity".

During her trip to Australia, Suu Kyi will also visit Melbourne and Canberra, meeting Prime Minister Tony Abbott and Foreign Minister Julie Bishop.

Earlier, Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop presented Suu Kyi with a photo of their previous meeting in 1995, during their meeting in Canberra. Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott also met Suu Kyi yesterday.



PHOTO: AFP

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi (L) and Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott speak during a press conference at Parliament House in Canberra yesterday. Suu Kyi is on a five-day trip to Australia, visiting Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne.

# Imran's party identifies top CIA spy in Pakistan

NDTV ONLINE

The political party of former cricket star Imran Khan on Wednesday identified a man it described as the CIA's top spy in Pakistan, in an escalation of Khan's campaign to end U.S. drone strikes in the country.

In a letter to the Pakistani police, Khan's information secretary, Shireen Mazari, accused CIA Director John O. Brennan, along with a man identified as the agency's Islamabad station chief, of "committing murder and waging war against Pakistan."

In Washington, a CIA spokesman declined to comment on the case.

Mazari demanded that the authorities prevent the station chief, whose identity has not yet been confirmed, from leaving the country so that he could face prosecution in a Pakistani court.

That seems unlikely, but the



move is expected to infuriate U.S. officials, who had to recall a previous CIA station chief in 2010 after he was identified in the local media, also in relation to a lawsuit brought by anti-drone campaigners.

But while blame for that outing was placed on smoldering tensions between the CIA and Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence spy agency, this time it appears to be driven more by Khan's increasingly confrontational stance against drone strikes.

In an appearance on a television talk show Wednesday evening, Khan said he had named the

station chief essentially to punish the CIA for a deadly drone strike this month in the province his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party controls, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Now, he said, it was up to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's government to take the next step against the US spy agency.

# N Korea 'restarts' nuke reactor

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

Activity has been observed at a North Korean nuclear site consistent with an effort to restart a reactor, the International Atomic Energy Agency chief, Yukiya Amano, has said.

North Korea announced in April it would revive its aged research reactor at the Yongbyon nuclear complex – which experts say is capable of producing plutonium for bombs – but said it was seeking a deterrent capacity.

Amano said the Vienna-based IAEA continued to monitor developments at Yongbyon, mainly through satellite imagery.

"Activities have been observed at the site that are consistent with an effort to restart the 5MW(e) reactor," Amano told the IAEA's 35-nation board.

"However, as the agency has no access to the site, it is not possible for us to conclusively determine whether the reactor has been restarted," he said, according to a copy of his speech.

The Yongbyon reactor has been technically out of operation for years. North Korea destroyed its cooling tower in 2008 as a confidence-building step in talks with South Korea, China, the US, Japan and Russia.

# UN women's rights resolution passed

AFP, UN

A UN General Assembly committee has agreed a landmark first resolution on women's rights defenders such as Malala Yousafzai, despite a hard fought campaign by an alliance including the Vatican to weaken the measure.

A Norwegian-led coalition, which has prepared the resolution for months, had to delete language that condemned "all forms of violence against women" to get the text passed by consensus late Wednesday.

African nations, the Vatican, Iran, Russia, China and conservative Muslim states had sought to weaken the resolution passed by the assembly's human rights committee, diplomats and activists said.

The campaign for women's rights defenders has been given a huge boost in recent months by the likes of Malala, the Pakistani teenager shot in the head by the Taliban.

Both had been named as Nobel Peace Prize candidates this year.

The resolution calls on all states to publicly condemn violence against women human rights defenders, amend legislation

that hinders them and give activists free access to UN bodies.

"The international community has sent a clear message. It's unacceptable to criminalize, stigmatize or curtail women's human rights defenders," said Geir Sjoberg, the Norwegian government's lead negotiator on the resolution.

He added that the key aim now would be to make sure governments are held to commitments made in the text.

"There is a great mismatch between realities for brave women on the ground and what was agreed today. The real work starts now," Sjoberg added.

African countries had insisted on highlighting respect for customs and traditions. Russia, Iran and China had called for language which insisted the rights defenders should follow national laws, diplomats and activists said.

In the end Norway agreed to delete a paragraph which said states should "strongly condemn all forms of violence against women and women human rights defenders and refrain from invoking any customs, traditions or religious consideration to avoid their obligations."

# Protest law, jail terms boost Egypt opposition

AFP, Cairo

Restrictions on protests and 11-year jail terms for girl demonstrators are reviving Egypt's autocratic past, say activists and erstwhile supporters of the government in place after Islamist president Mohamed Morsi's overthrow.

The military, the real power even after it formally appointed a civilian government, remains wildly popular, and many Egyptians can more for stability amid an economic downturn than for rowdy protests.

But even supporters of the army-installed government and secular activists who viewed it as a lesser evil after Morsi's divisive rule say it has gone too far with a law that bans all but police-sanctioned protests.

And the sight of more than a dozen white-clad women and girls behind bars on Wednesday, as an Alexandria court sentenced them to 11 years in prison for allegedly taking part in a violent protest in October, proved too much for some.


Putting the law into practice, police violently dispersed two small protests by secular demonstrators on Tuesday, arresting some of Egypt's most prominent female activists before dumping them on a desert road at night.

The activists had been protesting against a clause in the new draft constitution that allows the military to try civilians before summary tribunals.

The prosecution service has ordered the arrest of two leading secular activists, Alaa Abdel Fattah and Ahmed Maher, for allegedly inciting the protests.

Both were prominent dissidents under Morsi.

"Deja vu, I'm about to hand myself in to the authorities again on Saturday," Abdel Fattah wrote on Facebook.



## Death Anniversary

Today, November 29, 2013, Friday is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Death Anniversary of late **Mumataj Chowdhury**, wife of the former Finance Secretary and the Managing Director of Sonali Bank Ltd. late G. M. Chowdhury.

The bereaved family requests the prayers of all the relatives, friends and well-wishers for the eternal peace of her departed soul.

Masud Chowdhury, Azman Chowdhury, Afsan Chowdhury & Mehboob Chowdhury

# Pak Taliban urge patriotic cricket support

BBC ONLINE

The Pakistani Taliban have urged the country's media to support cricket captain Misbah-ul-Haq even though he is a "pathetic player".

At the same time spokesman Shahidullah Shahid warned the media to stop praising Indian cricket hero Sachin Tendulkar, who retired this month after a brilliant 24-year career.

His comments in a video message urged Pakistanis to be more patriotic. Correspondents say that they come at a critical time for the Taliban.

Pakistan Taliban - or Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) - leader Hakimullah Mehsud was killed in a drone strike earlier this month, to be replaced days later by Mullah Fazlullah. At the same time the militants are under pressure to take part in peace negotiations

with the government.

"An Indian sportsman whose name is Tendulkar was praised by the Pakistani media and in fact a lot of Pakistanis [also] complimented him," Shahid said in the video recording, where he is seen alongside two masked men with AK-47 rifles.

"At the same time [the media] showed disapproval of Misbah-ul-Haq. [But...] Even though Tendulkar is a great sportsman you should not praise him, as it is against the national interests of the country.

"Instead you should praise Misbah despite the fact that he is a pathetic player, because he is ultimately a Pakistani."

Correspondents say that his references to cricket were part of an overall appeal by the Taliban urging Pakistanis to show more national pride and "not to comply with the government's [untruthful] agenda".

# 'Free Ukraine, not me'

Tymoshenko urges EU leaders

AFP, Kiev

Jailed opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko called on EU leaders to drop all demands and sign a historic pact with Ukraine without any preconditions at a summit which opened yesterday.

The EU demanded that Ukraine boost the rule of law and free the jailed former prime minister before the two could sign a landmark political and free trade deal.

But last week President Viktor Yanukovich's government stunned the West by halting all negotiations on the deal that would have set it on a path to EU membership.

"If Yanukovich takes a positive decision, I passionately ask you to sign the agreement on Friday without any hesitation and conditions including those that are related to my release," Tymoshenko, 53, said in a message late Wednesday.

"It's necessary to free Ukraine. That means it's necessary to sign the agreement if Yanukovich agrees

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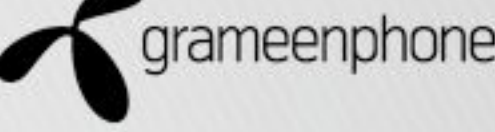
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