**True patriotism**

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

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**With encouragement of government plus coordinated and collective efforts of Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Football Federation, Myanmar football sport will surely make progress again**

YANGON, 2 Nov—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspected stadiums here this evening.

Accompanied by Union Minister U Tint Hsan, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, deputy ministers and Region ministers, the Vice-President arrived at Youth Training Centre on Waizayanta Road in Thangayang Township at 4.30 pm and inspected major repair of Thuwunna football ground. He heard reports submitted by Union Minister U Tint Hsan and President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and left necessary instructions.

At the meeting hall of the federation, U Zaw Zaw reported the Vice-President on major repair and upgrading of football ground of YTC, installation of 30000 seats in the stadium, upgrading of searchlight, progress of the football ground, and great repairing of training football grounds Nos. 3 and 4. And Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that he firstly found the needs for upgrading football grounds and for supplying for sports aids after he inspected the football grounds so as to promote Myanma football sport sector.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham expressed his hope that with the encouragement of the government plus coordinated and collective efforts of the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Football Federation, the heyday of Myanma football will surely come again.

Then, Union Minister U Tint Hsan accepted US$ 500,000 and K 100 million and donated for major upgrading of the football ground of the Youth Training Centre by Vice Chairman of Max Myanmar U Ohn Kyaw on behalf of Ayeyawady Foundation.

Afterwards, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham accepted a gift of (AFC) presented by General Secretary of Asian Football Confederation Dato’ Alex Soosay.

In the evening, the Vice-President and entourage proceeded to the Universities’ sports ground on (See page 8)
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Youth, morality and respect

Science and technology is moving with the times. Every nation is striving for self-development grasping advanced technologies. It is encouraging that all global nations are working with might and main for development combining financial resources, natural resources and human resources.

Potential development of a nation lies in strength of the youth of today. Youth need to be educated and proficient. Youth need to have sensible attitude apart from keen mind and thirst for knowledge. How to lead a harmonious social life after the school is a matter of importance.

Especially, youth need to have high standard of morality. They should adhere to principles of school, society, and laws. Educated peoples with high standard of morality can develop the nation and win the respect of the people.

These are the hopes for the youth, the architect of the future. Sound educational foundations have been established in Myanmar society. It is no doubt that highly qualified scholars are being turned out in various fields.

Today, the mass of the youth are learning advanced technologies. At the same time, the influx of alien cultures into the nation has changed the living styles of the youth who have consequently become fashion-forward and too blunt. Youth are to bear in mind that manners on public buses and streets should not violate the traditions of Myanmar society.

Advanced technologies are welcome change. However, actions harming the culture, social behaviors and morality should be deterred. Turning a blind eye to socially unacceptable behaviors in Myanmar society will mislead the youth. The onus is on all the people to maintain fine traditions of Myanmar culture whose essence is respect for the elders.

First day second regular session ofirst Mon State Hlutaw held

MAWLABYINE, 2 Nov—First day second regular session of first Mon State Hlutaw was held at Mon State Hlutaw Office Meeting Hall this morning, with the attendance of Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint, State Hlutaw Speaker U Kyin Pe, the deputy speaker, Mon State Government, members of organizations and 31 Hlutaw representatives.

At today’s session, respective state ministers answered eight questions, estimated expenditure and state economic project depending on State budget and four proposals were submitted. The first-day session was concluded at 1 pm.—MNA

Tatmadawmen join hands with DACs, local people in relief works in flood-hit areas in Pakokku District

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov—Tatmadawmen of Pakokku and Monywa stations yesterday cooperated with Township Development Affairs Committees in building three houses with the roof of corrugated iron sheets, erection of lamp-posts, fencing at 20x40 feet plots and construction of latrines in Sunhik Ywwath field in Kywete Village-tract in Pakokku Township where the flood victim families will be resettled.

At the housing camps, Yangon Crown Co Ltd will build 350 houses, Ministry of Border Affairs one four-inch tubewells, five 1600-gallon-capacity and 2000-gallon-capacity water tanks and 30 water taps and Pakokku Township DAC fencing for the housings and construction of latrines for flood victims.

Tatmadawmen of Pakokku Station participated in repairing of road to the monasteries in Yepyar and Tatkon villages, re-erection of lamp-posts, repairing of damaged housings and construction of new housings. Tatmadawmen from Monywa Station removed silt on village roads and housings in Chaik and Chaungnar villages, provided health care services to the local people and measured the land for the village to Wazizlay Village. Likewise, Tatmadawmen of Magway Station participated in resinking of wells in East Kabang, East Kandwin, Hsinlanchaung and Taungyewama Villages, repairing of road to monastery and reconstruction of housings.

MNA

Second step issued for overage vehicles in cancellation and importing new vehicles

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov—The Directorate of Road Administration undertook cancellation and importing for over 40 years old vehicles with “Sa, Hsa and Za” number plates among the vehicles registered as of 19 October. At present, the cancellation and importing for the 30-40 years registered vehicles will continue for the second step.

In previous process of handing over the overage vehicles, the vehicle owners faced difficulty in food and spent a night due to waiting for the work process through queue system for many hours. To relax the difficulties, handing over process for the 30-40 years old vehicles with “Samyinzwe” number plate of “Zamynzwe and Nya” will be carried out as of 8 November. Moreover, the handing over process of over 40 years vehicles will continue. The old vehicles are to be handed over to Insein (Ywama) Steel Mill and Myingyan Steel Mill.

Upon completion of cancellation, the vehicle owners are to contact the teams from Insein (Ywama) and Myingyan of Directorate of Road Administration in advance for handing over process and they may dial 09514-5395, 09495-70721 and 09507-1152 in Insein (Ywama) and 09201-1890, 09471-05370 and 09910-19190.—MNA

Fertilizers broadcasted in Yanbye Tsp

YANBYE, 1 Nov—Fertilizers were collectively broadcasted in 10-acre farmland in Shwe village of Ywagyi Village-tract in Yanbye Township on 2 October. Township Manager U Kyan Then explained about scientific broadcasting of fertilizers at the ceremony which was also attended by staff of Myanma Agriculture Service and farmers.

MNA

Seminar on reproductive health held in Loikaw

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov—A seminar on reproductive health of Kayah State was held at the state healthhall in Loikaw on 28 October.

Kayah State Minister for Social Affairs U Koe Yei made an address on raising reproductive health care to meet the millennium development goals. Dr. Hnin Hnin Lwin of Health Department explained matters related to reproductive health. Those present participated in the discussion. After the seminar, the state minister and party viewed teaching aids.—MNA
Iran, Russia to continue military cooperation

The Iranian spokesman did not elaborate on the details of the deal but he said if any agreement is made, it will be announced. “Teheran and Moscow has a good relation, and we are continuing our military cooperation,” Mehmanparast was quoted as saying. According to the report, Konstantin Biryulin, deputy director of Russia’s Federal Service for Military and Technical Cooperation, said on 25 Oct that Russia has delivered to Iran a consignment of mobile radar radiation detectors and hopes to agree on a number of similar deals. Iran and Russia signed a contract for the S-300 system in 2007. In September 2010 Russian President Dmitry Medvedev signed a decree banning shipments to Iran of the weapons and equipment listed in the UN resolution.

Four Americans arrested over terror plots

WASHINGTON, 2 Nov—Four US men believed to be militia members were arrested Tuesday for plotting to attack government workers and buildings, and trying to manufacture the deadly biological toxin ricin, authorities said. US Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia Sally Quillian Yates said the charges showed that Russia has agreed to provide Iran with electronic warfare in return for the cancellation of the contract for delivery of the S-300 missile system to Iran, said the report.

Russia to help Bangladesh build n-power plant

MOSCOW, 2 Nov—Russia and Bangladesh signed an intergovernmental agreement Wednesday in Dhaka to build the first nuclear power plant in Bangladesh. Russia’s state-controlled nuclear corporation, Rosatom, said.

The agreement was signed by Rosatom’s head Sergei Kiriyenko and Bangladesh Minister for Science, Information and Technology Yeafesh Osman. Alexander Glakhov, Atomic Energy president, the Russian foreign nuclear power plant construction agency, said earlier that Russia and Bangladesh could sign the agreement by the end of the year. The document on the Rooppur NPP envisages the construction of two nuclear power blocks in Dhaka with an average capacity of 1,000 megawatts each. The blocks will have dual containment of the reactor, a passive heat removal system, and hydrogen recombiners.

Russia will supply nuclear fuel for NPP in Bangladesh for the entire period of its exploitation, Kiriyenko said. Internet

US should talk to Afghan neighbours before Taliban

WASHINGTON, 2 Nov—The US should first negotiate with the neighbouring countries of Afghanistan before it holds talks with Taliban which is aimed to bring it into the political process, former US State Secretary Henry Kissinger said on Tuesday.

“I have no objection in principle to negotiating with the Taliban,” Kissinger said at the Washington-based Woodrow Wilson International Centre. “But for the purpose of ending the war, it’s the wrong sequence of events.” “The first negotiation in my view ought to be with surrounding countries,” he said, referring to Pakistan, India and Iran and so on.

“If there is a negotiation with the Taliban, it should be in the framework of a multilateral regional negotiation,” he said. The Obama administration has decided to pull out US forces from Afghanistan in 2014, analysts argued that the Taliban, given the fixed timeline, will simply adopt the strategy of “waiting it out.”

“If you negotiate while your forces are withdrawing, you’re not in a great negotiating position,” Kissinger noted. But he also admitted that there is not going to be sufficient public support in the US if the war in Afghanistan stretches beyond the 2014 deadline. “We selected objectives beyond the capacity of the American domestic consensus to support over the period required to implement them,” said Kissinger, citing the US military interventions in Korean peninsula, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan.

One killed, 12 injured in blast in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 2 Nov—At least one man was killed and 12 others were injured in a blast that took place in capital city Peshawar of Northwest Pakistan Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Wednesday, reported local Urdu TV Geo.

According to the report, the incident took place at about 12:30 pm (local time) when a blast triggered by a remote controlled device targeted the vehicle of a local tribal elder in Hayatabad area of Peshawar. The tribal elder, Malik Taj and 11 others got injured while a passerby lost his life in the blast. Ten cars were also destroyed in the incident. The injured have been shifted to the state-owned Lady Reading Hospital. No group claimed responsibility for the blast.

This area has also been targeted by militants recently when several NATO oil tankers were torched by some unidentified gunmen.

Last week, a string of minor explosions in various commercial areas of Peshawar left dozens of people injured and created panic among the residents.
Twins joined at liver are separated

In this photo provided by Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital, conjoined twins Angelica and Angelina Sabuco sit with their aunt Maria Sabuco before undergoing separation surgery on 1 Nov, 2011 in Stanford, Calif. Angelica and Angelina are classified as thoraco- omphalopagus, joined at the chest and abdomen. Their livers, diaphragms, breasts, chest and abdominal wall muscles are fused. They have separate hearts, brains, kidneys, stomachs and intestines. If all goes according to plan, the 2-year-olds will be out of surgery by mid-afternoon.

Palo Alto, 2 Nov—Surgeons at Stanford University in California have successfully separated 2-year-old conjoined twin girls, fused at their shared liver, said hospital officials. The girls, named Angelica and Angelina, are classified as thoraco-omphalopagus, joined at the chest and abdomen. Their livers, diaphragms, breasts, chest and abdominal wall muscles are fused. They have separate hearts, brains, kidneys, stomachs and intestines. If all goes according to plan, the 2-year-olds will be out of surgery by mid-afternoon.

BoA drops plan for 5 dollars debit card fee

Washington, 2 Nov—Bank of America, the second-largest US bank, announced on Tuesday it no longer planned to charge 5 US dollars a month for debit usage in response to customer feedback and the changing competitive marketplace. The bank had planned to start collecting the debit card fee on New Year’s Day but rescinded it Tuesday, a spokesperson said.

BoA is the last among the biggest five US lenders to scrap the fee after JPMorgan Chase & Co and Wells Fargo & Co decided to cancel similar charges. Banks began designing the monthly charges to redeem revenue lost due to the limits, mandated by the Dodd-Frank Act law, which slashes the fees banks charge retailers when consumers swipe their cards.

BoA chief operating officer David Darnell, co-chair of the bank’s executive management team, said in a statement: “I have mixed emotions. I am nervous, but excited,” the girl’s mother, Ginady Sabuco, told the woman Reena Mukamal, hospital spokesperson.

“BoA was eager to leave the debate behind and focus on customer satisfaction,” said Darnell. “In our case, we had to deal with a lot of anger about a small product that had little impact on customers, he added.

Apple iPhone 4S to arrive in China’s HK, South Korea

San Francisco, 2 Nov—Apple announced Tuesday that its latest iPhone 4S smartphone will be available in China’s Hong Kong, South Korea and 13 additional countries next Friday.

Customers will be able to pre-order iPhone 4S beginning this Friday, the Cupertino, California-based company said in a statement.

Nothing else new

Outside of the US, sales of the iPhone 4S are expected to be available in 29 countries and is expected to arrive in stores in more than 70 countries by the end of this year.
This robot can climb walls

PARIS, 2 Nov—Inspired by the gecko, scientists have developed a tank-like robot that can scale vertical walls and crawl over ledges without using suction cups, glue or other liquid bonds to adhere to the surface.

The 240-gramme (6.9-ounce) beast has tracks that are covered with dry microfibres modelled on the toe hairs of the gecko, which can famously zip up windows and along walls almost without effort.

The lizard does the trick thanks to millions of ultra-fine hairs called setae, which interact with the climbing surface to create a molecular attraction known as the van der Waals force.

Described on Tuesday in the British research journal Smart Materials and Structure, the robot’s tracks are studded with mushroom-shaped caps of polymer microfibres just 0.017 millimetres (0.00067 inches) wide and 0.01mm (0.0004 inches) high.

By comparison, the human hair is around 0.1 mm (0.004 inches) thick.

“While van der Waals forces are considered to be relatively weak, the thin, flexible overhang provided by the mushroom cap ensures that the area of contact between the robot and the surface is maximised,” said researcher Jeff Krahn of the Simon Fraser University at Burnaby, in Canada’s British Columbia Province.

“The adhesive pads on geckos follow this same principle by utilising a large number of fibres, each with a very small tip. The more fibres a gecko has in contact, the greater attachment force it has on a surface.”

The tank-bot has a fore and aft section, each with two tracks, and an articulated joint in the middle to help it move from flat surfaces to corners.

A video (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tont-BzMIII) shows it being put through its paces, climbing at speeds of up to 3.4 centimetres (1.4 inches) per second.

The gadget weighs 240g (eight ounces) but tests show that it could take an additional load of 110 grammes (3.14 ounces).—INTERNET

Battlefield 3 smashes EA record

SAN FRANCISCO, 2 Nov—Electronic Arts (EA) on Monday announced that Battlefield 3 has become its fastest selling video game ever, with players snapping up more than five million copies since it launched last week. “From Tokyo to Los Angeles, Sydney to London, millions of fans have been playing all weekend long — we are overwhelmed by the global response to Battlefield 3,” said EA executive vice president said Patrick Soderlund.

“Already, we are seeing unprecedented play times and online activity which is very rewarding,” he continued. “This launch solidifies Battlefield as a leading entertainment brand.”

The latest edition to popular Battlefield military shooter franchise has reportedly generated more than $300 million in revenue since the veteran US video game maker released it on 25 October.

An unprecedented number of people took to playing Battlefield 3 online during the weekend, causing some system stumbles, according to EA.

“Battlefield is the fastest selling game in EA’s history, but is not without its ups and downs.”—INTERNET

Uganda makes electric car

KAMPALA, 2 Nov—The Ugandan scientist on Tuesday test drove the first electric car made in the East African country after three years of work.

The head of the project, Tickodii Togboa, a professor of electrical and computer engineering at Makerere University, told Xinhua in an interview at the university that the two-seater car uses lithium iron specialized batteries that can run it for a distance of up to 80 km.

The car dubbed KIIRA EV has 18 horse power and can run 60 km per hour.

Togba said that if the car was to go on commercial production it would cost up to 15,000 US dollars.

“Once this car we have come up with is commercialized, then we will be reducing on pollution because this green car is being powered by a battery. When it takes off there is no noise, there is no gas. So it means we are addressing the environmental concerns,” he said. He said the innovation is a clear demonstration that there is equal capacity in the country as in western countries to develop good technologies.

“With this approach, we have been able to train high level graduates who should now be able to go anywhere in the world and be employed,” he said.

The official launch of the car is slated for later this month by the country’s President Yoweri Museveni.

Xinhua

New generation plastic OLEDs developed

TORONTO, 2 Nov—Researchers have developing the world’s most efficient organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs) in plastic. OLEDs provide high-contrast and low-energy displays and are becoming the dominant technology for advanced electronic screens.

Current state-of-the-art OLEDs are produced using heavy-metal doped glass in order to achieve high efficiency and brightness, which makes them expensive to manufacture, heavy, rigid and fragile, the journal Nature Photonics reports.

“For years, the biggest excitement behind OLED technologies has been the potential to effectively substantially reduce the cost of production, while providing designers with a more durable and flexible material to use in their products. The research was led by doctoral candidates Zhibin Wang and Michael G Helander, who demonstrated the first high-efficiency OLED on plastic.—INTERNET

What is believed to be the world’s oldest pot plant, a 234-year old cycad is Encephalartos altensteninii, which was collecte by Kew’s first plant hunter Francis Masson, from the Eastern Region of South Africa in the early 1770s.—INTERNET

Battlefield 3 is Electronic Arts (EA) fastest selling video game ever.—INTERNET
Cuba accuses USAID of funding “subversions”

HAVANA, 2 Nov—Cuba on Monday accused the US Agency for International Development (USAID) of paying 3.4 million US dollars for “operations of subversion” in the island nation.

“In the midst of an economic crisis, when thousands of US citizens are living in precarious conditions because of the loss of work and homes, this contribution to the so-called Foundation for Human Rights in Cuba (FHRC) takes place,” said an open carried by the official Granma daily.

It said the FHRC is a branch of the Cuban American National Foundation (CANF), an organization involved in planning acts of “terrorisms” against the Caribbean nation, and added that the “terrorist nature” of the CANF has been proven by declassified documents. Cuba frequently accuses different US groups and agencies of providing assistance to anti-Havana groups operating not only in the US state of Florida but also through opposition groups on the island which Cuban authorities describe as “mercenaries in the service of Washington.”

Some 14,345 Chinese participants try to set a new Guinness World Record as they gather for a bath at a hot spring in southwest China’s Chongqing municipality. The former world record was 10,121 set in China’s Hebei Province.—INTERNET

Iran to launch first cyber command

TEHERAN, 2 Nov—Head of Iran’s Passive Defence Organization Brigadier General Gholam-Reza Jalali said Monday that Iran will establish the country’s first cyber command, the semi-official Mehr news agency reported.

The cyber command will be tasked with monitoring, identifying and countering cyber threats against the national infrastructure. Jalali was quoted as saying.

Iran announced in May that general outlines for the cyber command had been prepared and examined by the Supreme National Security Council and senior officials of the armed forces.

In August, Jalali said Iran planned to hold a massive “cyber security maneuver” to increase readiness against possible cyber attacks on the country and to assess the readiness of its organizations and departments to prevent future cyber intrusions.—Xinhua

Ornate vase made of Kelheim stone is on display at the three-month long exhibition “The Dream of a King - Dresden’s Green Vault” inaugurated at Museum of Islamic Art (MIA) in Doha, capital of Qatar, on 1 Nov, 2011. The collection of artifacts dating back to 16th and 18th centuries including exotic jewellery, sculptures and paintings are brought from Dresden’s State Art Collection of Germany to put up in a temporary gallery at MIA.—XINHUA

Miss World contestants (L-R) from Argentina, Antonella Kruger; Brazil, Jucelina Bueno; Chile, Gabriela Pulgar; Lucio, Venezuela, Ivian Sarces; Colombia, Monica Restrepo & Puerto Rico, Amanda Perez in London for the 6 Nov finals.—INTERNET

Two people killed in Halloween shootings in Louisiana, US

HOUSTON, 2 Nov—Two people were killed and 13 others injured in four separate shootings early Tuesday in New Orleans in the US State of Louisiana, according to US media reports. The first shooting reportedly took place just midnight outside a nightclub on Bourbon Street, a tourist hot spot in the city’s French Quarter.

A 25-year-old man was shot dead and seven other people were injured in the incident, CNN reported. “Apparently one or two people were shooting or shooting at each other for reasons unknown when eight people were struck by the gunfire,” New Orleans police said in a statement.

The motive for the shooting was not known, police said. The injuries were not life-threatening. The second shooting happened about 1:45 am Tuesday, leaving a 19-year-old man dead and three others injured. Two other shootings occurred in two different places later in the morning, wounding three people. CNN quoted police spokesman Garry Flot as reporting. So far one arrest was made in connection with one of the shootings, according to police. All the shootings were not related, police said.

State police chief Chuaa Ghee Lye said the Indonesian-registered boat was carrying four Pakistanis, three Afghans and a one-year-old child en route to Australia on Monday before it was spotted by the officers.

Water pollution, drought threaten world’s poor

COPENHAGEN, 2 Nov—Prosperous countries have not lived up to their promises to help the poor, the UN declared Wednesday, saying poor people often go hungry because of polluted water, drought and other environmental factors that are increasing poverty.

In its annual report on the quality of life worldwide, the United Nations Development Programme said more should be done to address international environmental concerns and that sustainability must become a way of life as the world population grows above 7 billion.

“Sustainability is not exclusively or even primarily an environmental issue,” UNDP Administrator Helen Clark said in the report’s introduction. “It is fundamentally about how we choose to live our lives, with an awareness that everything we do has consequences for the seven billions of us here today, as well as for the billions more who will follow.”

The report noted that although aid to poorer countries grew 23 percent from 2005 to 2009, it was not enough. “Rich countries have consistently failed to meet their stated pledges,” including promises made by the G-8, the European Union and the United Nations to give $100 billion a year by 2020 to fight the impact of climate change in developing countries.

“The pledges fall well short of estimated needs, and disbursements fall well short of pledges. Most of the ‘new and additional’ funds pledged at the 2009 UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen have not been delivered, and less than 8 percent of pledges for climate change were disbursed in 2010,” the report said.

Last month, the world population hit 7 billion. The UN estimates the world’s population will reach 8 billion by 2025 and 10 billion by 2083.—INTERNET

Malaysian maritime police thwart people-smuggling attempt

KUALA LUMPUR, 2 Nov—Malaysian maritime officers thwarted a people-smuggling attempt and stopped a boat with eight foreigners, including a child, on board near the Upeh island off Malaysia’s Melaka coastal state, police said on Wednesday.

Chinese President Hu Jintao (2nd L, Front) and his wife Liu Yongping (2nd R, Front) visit a cow shed at the Urbanhof farm which is run by Joseph Huas’s family near the City of Salzburg, Austria, on 1 Nov, 2011.—XINHUA

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Three more deaths reported in grain elevator blast in US state of Kansas

WASHINGTON, 2 Nov—Three more bodies were recovered Monday from the wreckage of a grain elevator explosion in the northeast of US state of Kansas, which killed six people and injured two others, local media said.

Officials of the Bartlett Grain Co facility in Atchison, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) northwest of Kansas City, refused to identify the final three victims of the Saturday night blast. But local media reports said that two of them are state grain inspector Travis Kerl, and a 21-year-old worker named Curtis Field. The third victim is also believed to be a state grain inspector.

On Sunday morning, officials of the Atchison City announced that the blast had killed three other workers and injured two others at the facility. The three workers were identified as Chad Roberts, 20; Ryan Federmann, 21; and John Burke, 24. The workers were loading a train with corn when the blast took place about 7 pm local time Saturday night. The huge explosion was felt across Atchison and seen as far as the neighboring state of Missouri, when it sent a huge orange fireball into the night sky.—INTERNET

Potential customers talk to a car salesman next to a Toyota Prius in a showroom selling cars made in Thailand with parts imported from Japan, in downtown Bangkok in this 12 May, 2011 file photo. Toyota Motor Corp said on 27 October, 2011 it would keep its Thai production suspended for a fourth week and reduce output in North America and South Africa, marking the first impact of the floods in Thailand on car production outside Asia. Thailand's worst floods in 50 years have affected hundreds of manufacturers and cut off the supply of about 100 components for Toyota, Thailand's top automaker with a production capacity of 650,000 vehicles a year at its three factories there.—INTERNET

90 mln metre cubic of cold lava threatens from Indonesia's Mount Merapi

JAKARTA, 2 Nov—As much as 90 million meter cubic of cold lava is threatening Indonesians who live around Mount Merapi in the border of Yogyakarta and Central Java Province that was erupted in 2010.

Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, head of Data, Information and Public Relation at the National Agency of Disaster Management (BNPB), said in a statement that entering the rainy season, people around the volcano are urged to raise their alertness. In fact, we have raised status in Magelang regency to the top alert.

Threat from cold lava caused by Merapi eruption in 2010 still overshadows people and infrastructure across 15 rivers around Merapi. Out of 140 million meter cubic of the eruption material, it is expected that there is still 90 million meter cubic of pyroclastic material in the slope of Merapi,” he said.

According to Nugroho, so far dams to hold volcanic material have been filled with 18.24 million meter cubic material or 90 percent of their capacity.

“This makes cold lava flows easily,” he said. He added that the impact is quite big.—Xinhua

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‘Clown’ steals money from Chilean casino

SANTIAGO, 2 Nov—A man in a clown costume took advantage of an all-night Halloween party at a casino south of the Chilean Capital to steal USD 12,000 in cash at gunpoint, police said.

The robber entered the gambling hall of the Casino Monticello by a side door and shot a gun several times in the air, sparking panic among the customers. The “clown” snatched almost 6 million pesos ($12,000) from one of the gamblers and left the building the way he came in at 5 am Tuesday, according to a security camera. Though the casino has not provided an official version of the incident, police detained one of the security guards, identified as Cristian Poblete, 26, who is suspected of being involved in the holdup.

The suspect was arrested after a security guard of the Casino Monticello was able to identify him from surveillance footage. It is still being investigated if he had some help from a co-worker, police said.—INTERNET

TV falls, kills 6-year-old Illinois boy

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, (Ill) 2 Nov—A 6-year-old boy died after a 36-inch television set fell on him in the basement of his Illinois home, relatives said.

Karl Clermont, of Arlington Heights, went to the basement to watch television by himself Sunday evening, his live-in aunt said. She said she heard a crash and found the boy underneath the television.

He was taken to hospital but could not be saved. Police said they didn’t know what caused the television to fall, but noted the 36-inch set was one of the largest ever found in South Florida.—INTERNET

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contingent is formed with 590 athletes who have completed the training at the camps with highest capabilities to take part in the 27 sports events and management officials.

The sports contingent must try hard to secure the largest number of medals in the games than before so as to put its achievements on record, he urged.

The Vice-President stressed the need for all athletes to understand that their competition in international sports meets representing the State is the significant prestige and opportunity, and it is a competition related to prestige and integrity of the nation and the people.

Therefore, he said that he would like to urge all the athletes for understanding the Flag of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar as prestige and national duty for the Myanmar sports contingent and for working on all cylinders in all sports events to be able to hoist the State Flag as their achievements.

He said that while striving for all round development of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to keep abreast of international community, systematic arrangements are being made for improvement of sports sector meeting international standard. As part of efforts for showing achievements of the endeavours, the athletes are to pour out their brilliant skills in the sports events by winning their rivals.

He instructed the female and male athletes to make vigorous efforts for securing successes in all sports events to be able to satisfy the wishes of the State and the people, understanding the importance of winning the opponents and essence of national cause.

He said that unprecedented encouragements of the State, sports federations, entrepreneurs, wellwishers, sports enthusiasts and social organizations can be seen in promoting sports standard.

Thanks to encouragement of the wellwishers in all aspects, the athletes could conveniently focus on their trainings with fulfillments of nutritious under control of skillful coaches and technical officers and they could take exercises for gaining experiences in international sports competitions in the top level countries of respective sports events.

He urged them to give a helping hand to each other in the sports contingent and behave their activities under control of officials in line with Myanmar traditions while taking continuous exercises for maintaining health and fitness with high capabilities abroad.

He thanked all national entrepreneurs, wellwishers and sports enthusiasts for their encouragement in all aspects to enable the Myanmar sports contingent to take part in the XXVI SEA Games and urged them to cooperate with the government for honouring the victorious Myanmar sports teams.

Moreover, he said that Myanmar, as a host, will observe the XXVII SEA Games, based on experiences of the officials from the Myanmar team in observance and tasks of the XXVI SEA Games.

In conclusion, the Vice-President urged all Myanmar athletes to harmoniously make utmost efforts for achieving success so as to uplift prestige of the nation and the people, and to be able to host the State Flag by fairly participating in the games and winning over the rivals in full swing within prescribed rules and regulations.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presented the Flag of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the leader of the Myanmar sports contingent Joint Secretary of MNSC Director General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htay.

The Chairman of the MNSC Union Minister reported on preparations of the Myanmar sports teams for the competitions.

Next, the leader of the Myanmar sports contingent gave words of promise.

The Vice-President and officials viewed sports suits and sports equipment of Myanmar athletes who will compete in the XXVI SEA Games.

The Myanmar sports contingent will participate in 27 sports events namely swimming/diving, archery, track & field, badminton, basketball, billiards & snooker, boxing, rowing, chess, cycling, equestrian, football, golf, gymnastics, judo, karate-do, Pencak Silat, sailing, Sepak Takraw, shooting, tennis, table tennis, Taekwondo, wrestling, volleyball, weightlifting and Wushu events.—MNA

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Thahton Road in Kamayut Township where the Vice-President heard reports presented by Director General of HED (lower Myanmar) U Zaw Htay on progress of the sports grounds and Universities’ sports grounds.

At the Sports Complex of Yangon United Football Club in Hlaing Township, he gave encouragement to the players taking physical fitness exercise after hearing reports by Vice Chairman of Htoo Companies’ Group U Min Thein on progress of upgrading Sports Complex.

MNA

Third-day second regular session of first Shan State Hluttaw held

TAUNGGYI, 2 Nov—The second regular session of first Shan State Hluttaw was held for the third day at the Shan State Hluttaw at 10 am today, attended by Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, Shan State Hluttaw Speaker U Sai Lone Hsai, the deputy speaker, Shan State ministers and 139 Hluttaw representatives.

At the meeting, Shan State ministers and Shan State commissioners replied to eight questions, and three proposals submitted in previous days were approved, and second regular session came to an end at 11.40 am. MNA
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The Speaker explained that when the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw submitted the bill to the President to sign and promulgate as law, it was not a proposal. The Speaker said that he knew that it was a procedure to seek resolution which will return with remarks if there is some points deviated from the Constitution. So, the Hluttaw which has to safeguard the Constitution will be disarranged. Although the Hluttaw prescribed the law and the President promulgated it, provisions which are inconsistent with the Constitution will become laws which are not needed to be abided under Section 198 of the Constitution.

When scrutinized by the Joint Committee, it is found that the bills are consistent with the constitution before sending the bills to the President to sign and promulgate as laws. It is not needed to seek opinion of the Hluttaw for the case. But, the Speaker did to perpetuate it as a procedure. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 8 Sub-Rule (a) suggests that “if cases beyond these laws happen or if there is a difficulty to carry out in accord with these laws, seeking decision of the Hluttaw to resolve the difficulties” is the duty of the Speaker. Although it could be done by the Speaker alone, it was done that acquiring the opinion of the Hluttaw was assumed to be more appropriate. No person submitting, seconding and discussing the proposal and no voting is needed as it is not the proposal.

The Speaker said that he knew that failing to ask whether there is person who disagrees the case after asking whether there is person who agrees the case, there was criticism. There is no provision for asking whether there is person who agrees it three times or asking whether there is person who disagrees it. It is adopted as a practice. When each word or paragraph of the bill is approved in Amyotha Hluttaw, the latter is asked for certainty as it is important. In deciding whether the proposal should be discussed, only the former is asked for three times. There is example that U Ohn Tin was given the chance to discuss as he say no to the question whether there is person who agrees the proposal three times regarding the educational proposal in Amyotha Hluttaw. The fact of losing rights of Hluttaw representatives concerned with the practice of their own Hluttaw as the Hluttaw representatives can say no when asked whether there is person who agrees it.

Regarding the case, Pyithu Hluttaw sent a letter dated 1 November. What the Speaker assumed is that the case should be heard by a Joint Committee/Commission formed by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and outside and respective law experts as it is the case to decide whether the act of the Speaker is right or wrong. It was not expected that the case of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was submitted as the important proposal, discussed immediately and made decision. So, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives took time to discuss the case as the proposal deciding whether it is appropriate.

Answers of some Pyithu Hluttaw representatives to foreign radio stations were heard. Decision of the Pyithu Hluttaw only is not assumed to be true. That is why the country is practicing a bicameral parliamentary system. Its incomplete answer as long as the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw formed with both Hluttaws approved it. (See page 10)
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Some say that the system governed by person has been shifted to the system governed by principle. Assumption of duties of the Speaker honestly and abiding laws and rules to extend possible needs to be explained. If there is defamation against the Speaker with incomplete decision, the Speaker can impose punishment. Though, the Speaker took no action with broad mindset upon ignorance.

If the case is submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as the proposal, the Speaker will not allow the proposal as it is the proposal which deters right action of the Speaker. It will be heard by Joint Committee or Committee jointly with respective law experts. The Speaker is ready to obey if the committee concludes that the action of the Speaker is wrong.

As the bill is approved in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as it is prescribed, it means prescribed. When the President signs the bill, it means Promulgation. The difference should be known clearly. There is argument that the Constitutional Tribunal can only veto the approved laws. The law sent by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw can be scrutinized by the tribunal before promulgation as law by the President. So, the Speaker of the Hluttaw can send the approved bill to the tribunal for vetting. In addition, the Speaker has the right to send the bill to the tribunal if doubted on receipt.

As no representatives expressed objection whether these are consistent with the constitution is not putting the legislation power of the Hluttaw under the tribunal. It is needed to notice the phrase “if doubted”. The tribunal can only make remarks and decisions regarding the sections that are in violation with the constitution and is not authorized to restrict the formulation of that law.

Law-makers should not think that to seek the remarks of the constitutional tribunal of the state is a dishonorable act. To err is human and the speaker is no exception. It is actually the act of seeking assistance from the tribunal, assuming responsibility for making no mistakes in the constitution. The explanation is made for none other intentions but because it is learnt that Amyotha Hluttaw representatives are released.

Regarding the proposal, Hluttaw representatives U Paul Liang Lwin of Chin State Constituency No (9), U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Region Constituency No (5), U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency No (12), U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No (6), Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No (6), U Sai Paung Nap of Shan State Constituency No (12), Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No (8), Dr Myint Nyaw Soe of Yangon Region Constituency No (4), U Zone Hle Htan of Chin State Constituency No (2), U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No (3), U J Jaw Wu of Kachin State No (12), Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No (1), Dr Banyu Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No (7) and U Win Naung of Yangon Region Constituency No (5) held a discussion that Hluttaw representatives, being the representatives of the people, have to adhere to the provisions of the constitution and stand by the interests of the people. Laws cannot cover all the issues in the real world. There is no provision that Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw can reconsider and object what is passed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. It should be viewed that the speaker is using his rights honestly however it should not be considered that the decision of the Pyithu Hluttaw is not in conformity with the law. All are Hluttaw representatives and the two Hluttaws are brother Hluttaws which the same rights.

All representatives should be patient, acting out of reasoning power.

As the nation in the initial stage of democratization and democratic practices, all should collectively find a solution to the case. Both the Hluttaws are working for the nation and the people, and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker are urged to play a leading role in seeking the reasonable solution in union. The case, if handled with understanding and cooperative attitudes, is not a problem but turns out to be a lesson.

The proposal of Daw Khin Waing Kyi is approved by all the representatives.

In bill-passing session, Member of Bill Committee U Myint Tun explained analysis report of the Bill Committee concerning the proposal of U Paul Liang Lwin of Chin State Constituency No (9) to amend the Paragraph 12 (f) of Chapter IV and the Hluttaw approved the bill paragraph by paragraph.

The Hluttaw approved amendments to Paragraph 2 (k) of Chapter I, Paragraph 9 (e), Paragraph 10 (i), and Paragraph 12 (f) of Chapter IV, Paragraph 35, Paragraph 39 (c), Paragraph 40, Paragraph 41, and Paragraph 42 of Chapter 9, Paragraph 55 of Chapter 11, paragraph 63, paragraph 67, Paragraph 69, Paragraph 70, Paragraph 71, and Paragraph 72 of Chapter 14.

As no representatives raised objection to the amendment of the Bill Committee concerning Paragraph 12 (f) of Chapter IV of Region or State Bill, the Hluttaw approved the amendment.

In informing-to-Hluttaw session, it is informed to the Hluttaw that Hluttaw representatives, upon finding that the rules, or a particular regulation or principle are not in conformity with the provisions of the law concerned, can propose to the Hluttaw to revoke or amend those rules, or particular regulation or principle within 90 days starting from the date of issue of those rules, or particular regulation or principle. If it is not to be assumed that the rules, or regulation or principle are approved.

First day meetings of second regular sessions of Yangon, Mandalay, Magway, Bago held

YANGON, 2 Nov — The first day second regular session of first Yangon Region Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

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US deficit experts call for bold action on debt reduction

WASHINGTON, 2 Nov—The United States must take serious and bold measures to tackle its mounting debt challenge in a timely manner, said some prominent experts on budget issues on Tuesday.

If the lawmakers are “bold and do it in a smart manner,” the public will reward them, said Erskine Bowles, who was White House Chief of Staff under President Bill Clinton, before the US Congress’ bipartisan deficit reduction “supercommittee.”

The newly-formed congressional deficit reduction panel, formally named the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, was tasked to identify at least 1.2 trillion US dollars in deficit cuts by 23 Nov, a key element of the partisan debt ceiling wrangling this summer.

During Tuesday’s Congress testimony, Bowles and three other budget experts urged the panel to go trillions beyond that savings target. Senator Patty Murray of Washington, the top Democrat on the supercommittee, said the panel is entering “the final critical phase” of its work, adding that a failure to find ways to reduce the debt would be unacceptable.

So far, the two parties remain unwilling to compromise, with Republicans reluctant to raise tax and Democrats unhappy with Medicare cuts.

Former Republican senator Alan Simpson said in his testimony that the supercommittee is facing a tremendous challenge. However, he said, the US economy as well as its government credibility would be damaged if the panel does not take bold action.

The experts held that the committee members, six Republicans and six Democrats, had to walk the fine line between putting the nation’s fiscal house in order and protecting programmes that keep the economy strong. The US federal government registered a nearly 1.3 trillion US dollars budget deficit for the 2011 fiscal year ending September, fresh evidence of the mounting budgetary pressure facing the world’s largest econo-my.

Xinhua

India to expand nuclear energy programme

UNITED NATIONS, 2 Nov—India said here Tuesday that it will push forward with a dramatic expansion of its nuclear energy programme, tripling its atomic energy output from 20,000 megawatts (MW) by 2020 to a projected 60,000 MW by 2030.

Prem Chand Gupta, a member of the Indian Parliament, made the remarks at an open meeting of the UN General Assembly to review a report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

“India views nuclear energy as an essential element of its national energy basket,” he said, both an essential clean source of energy to meet growing energy needs and out of concerns about climate change.

“We are committed to taking forward our three stage nuclear programme based on a closed fuel cycle,” he said.

India is an emerging major player in the nuclear world, and its plan for a three-stage closed fuel cycle programme will test its ability to produce a safe and clean source of energy for its citizens.

Gupta also said India is launching a number of international initiatives that will bring the advantages of atomic energy to other developing countries in the region. In 2010, India donated a Bhuvanison II telecobalt unit — an atomic radiotherapy cancer treatment — to Vietnam, and it is in the process of donating a similar unit to Sri Lanka.

Xinhua

Remand extended for Singaporeans accused of exporting bomb parts

SINGAPORE, 2 Nov—The four Singaporeans who were accused by the United States of selling components that can be used as bomb parts to Iran were remanded for another week, local daily Straits Times reported on Wednesday. District Judge Toh Yung Cheong said on Tuesday that the date for the committal hearing on their extradition to the United States would be set during the next court hearing on 8 Nov. It could be between 21 Nov and 25 Nov.

The four Singaporeans, including three men and a woman, were remanded without bail last week after the United States Department served extradition papers on them for allegedly importing 6,000 radio frequency modules from a company based in Minnesota, United States, of which some ended up in roadside bombs targeting the coalition forces in Iraq. The United States Justice Department accused the Singaporeans and the Iranian of importing the devices, claiming that they will be used for a telecommunications project in Singapore, but instead selling them through other traders to Iran.—Xinhua

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Study shows commuting to work bad to health
BEIJING, 2 Nov.—A daily commute to work can have negative effect to people’s health, a study published on Sunday in the journal BMC Public Health suggests.
After surveying 21,000 full-time workers aged from 18 to 65, researchers from Lund University in Sweden found people who commute to work by car, bus or train suffer more stress, exhaustion and poorer sleeping quality than those cycle or walk to work. Nevertheless, the surveyed people with longer commute times did not report higher amounts of stress.
The study showed that those who traveled 30 to 60 minutes by car were actually more stressed than those who had to travel more than one hour.

China is a big family with 56 nationalities and many of them have a long and rich history. Let’s see the beauties of these ethnic minorities.—Xinhua

Italy’s jobless rate rises, one third of youth seeking job
Rome, 2 Nov.—Italy’s unemployment rate rose slightly in September as uncertain economic prospects discouraged hiring by companies, data published on Monday showed.
The jobless rate rose to 8.3 percent in September from 8 percent in August and the rate among youth - defined as people between 15 and 24 years of age - increased 1.3 percentage point to 29.3 percent, according to the data published by national statistics agency Istat. Meanwhile, unemployment for the 17 eurozone countries rose to 10.2 percent in September from 10.1 in August, according to a report released Monday by European Union’s statistics office in Luxembourg. Joblessness for the 27 members of the EU was 9.7 percent last month.

Love Me Do by The Beatles is a ‘water-efficient’ song for the shower.—INTERNET

Beatles clean up in shower rundown
LONDON, 2 Nov.—Singing The Beatles in the shower can help save the planet, researchers claim.
Love Me Do has been named the perfect pop song for people trying to limit how long they should spend getting washed every day.
Environmentalists reckon if people each spent a minute less in the shower every day, it would save enough water to supply London for two to four months. Thames Water has advised people to sing “short, water-efficient” songs lasting less than four minutes in order to meet sustainable living targets.
The 2.22-minute long Lennon and McCartney hit is number one on the firm’s “four-minute shower challenge” tracklist. Jayne Farrin, Thames Water’s head of corporate communications, said: “The reason we’re asking people to sing short, water-efficient songs of four minutes or less in the shower is to help them hit the four-minute shower challenge - part of our ongoing work to help people value water and use less.

Xinhua

Beijing, two Nov.—With the country preparing to celebrate the 13th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) on Thursday, local media highlighted the achievements of the past five years, stressing the significance of such a major event.

Xinhua

Hackers use malware to steal secrets
BEIJING, Nov. 2 — Hackers used a stock Trojan horse to sniff out secrets from 48 companies, according to the worldwide media reports on Tuesday. A dozen of the targeted organizations were US-based, said Symantec, while five were headquartered in Britain and others in Denmark, Italy, the Netherlands and Japan. The attack campaign tagged as “Nitro” by Symantec started from last July and continued until mid-September, targeting an unknown number of companies and infecting at least 48 firms with the “Poison Ivy” remote-access Trojan. —Xinhua

Train collides with fuel tanker in Malaysia
KUALA LUMPUR, 2 Nov.—State media in Malaysia has reported that the collision in the Sabah Province was caused by the fuel tanker trying to cross the railway track to deliver fuel to a petrol station. Police say more than 100 people were riding on the train when it struck the truck. The 41-year-old tanker driver has been taken away for further investigation. Witnesses have been reported as saying that some passengers on the train escaped from the windows after the collision occurred.—Internet

Rare white kiwis survivesurgery
WELLINGTON, 2 Nov.— The world’s only known white kiwi has survived surgery to remove stones from her gizzard, reports a New Zealand Wildlife Centre. Over a week ago, rangers noted that Manukura, the six-month-old chick, was off her food. X-rays revealed that two large stones were obstructing the chick’s guts.
In two separate operations, vets at Wellington Hospi- tial in New Zealand used lasers to successfully break apart the rocks.
Pukaha Mount Bruce, New Zealand’s North Is-land wildlife centre, where Manukura lives, reported that the bird’s heart slowed suddenly during the sur- gery giving the operating team “a bit of a scare”. But the little white bird pulled through and is recovering in isolation from other animals. Kiwi, like other birds, swallow stones to help them digest their food. But Manukura, it seems, swallowed more than she could stomach. Manukura, a North Island Brown Kiwi, is the 13th kiwi hatched in captivity at the centre this year.

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Men stole 89 funeral urns

Chicago police said they arrested two men accused of stealing 89 metal funeral urns and a metal funeral plaque they allegedly planned to sell as scrap.

Police spokesman John Mirabelli said the men were arrested at 8 a.m. Monday after a 911 caller reported a burglary in progress at a three-floor apartment building on the city’s South Side, the Chicago Tribune reported Monday.

Mirabelli said officers arrived to find the men loading the urns and the plaque, which had been defaced to obscure its inscription, into a sport-utility vehicle parked behind the building.

The spokesman said the urns and plaque would have fetched $8,900 to $44,500 from a metal recycler.

Police said charges against the men are pending and investigators are working to determine from where the items were stolen.

Eva Longoria fuming over rumours

LONDON, 2 Nov—Actress Eva Longoria is furious over reports that suggest she is dating basketball player Matt Barnes. The 36-year-old, who divorced sportsman Tony Parker last year, has been linked to Barnes despite being romantically involved with Eduardo Cruz.

Longoria has now dismissed the rumours, pointing out they only know each other through their charity work. “Matt Barnes and I are not dating! We are doing a charity event together for Padres and Athletes vs Cancer.”—Internet

Ronnie Wood makes shock stunt of jumping into coffin at Halloween bash

LONDON, 2 Nov—Ronnie Wood recently stunned onlookers by jumping into a coffin and announcing his imminent death at a Halloween party in London.

The Rolling Stones guitarist was on a double date with his son Tyrone and two blonde girls at London’s China White club for the Halloween bash. “Ronnie was having a wild night, hilariously his date was far younger than his son’s.” the Daily Star quoted a party goer as saying. “They had huge magnums of champagne delivered to their table in a big coffin, carried by zombie pall-bearers.”

“A zombie climbed out of the coffin to deliver the champagne.”—Internet

Marilyn Monore was a simple dresser

LONDON, 2 Nov—Actress Michelle Williams, who is playing Marilyn Monroe in “My Week with Marilyn”, says she always liked the late actress because she was a “simple dresser”. “Something I really appreciated about her is what a simple dresser she was. She’s really, in her personal life, completely undorned.” fe-malefirst.co.uk quoted the 31-year-old as saying.

“Everything that she wore looked like she could take her shoes off and run through a field. And I like that,” she added. Monore, who became a sex symbol, died in 1962 of a suspected overdose of barbiturates. She was 36.—Internet

Doris Day honoured with film critics award

LONDON, 2 Nov—Doris Day has recently been awarded with a lifetime achievement award by the LA Film Critics Association (LAFCA).

The organization’s president, Brent Simon, described the veteran actress as the biggest female star of the 1960s. “Doris Day is still the template to which Hollywood turns when trying to quantify and capture ‘girl next door’ appeal,” the BBC quoted Simon as saying.

Day, 87, left showbiz more than 30 years ago to become an animal rights activist and started the Doris Day Animal Foundation.—Internet

Colorado has world’s top ghost town

The book also cited Bodie, Calif, which contains 130 buildings from the location’s tenure as a mining town in the 1880s, and Humberstone and Santa Laura, Chile, which were abandoned in 1958 and still contain houses, a theater, stores and a cast-iron swimming pool made from the hull of a ship.

Bhangarh, India, was cited for its ruins, including temples, pavilions and a fort, dating back to the 17th century and earlier.
Arsenal and Marseille trudge on after goalless draw

Arsenal and Marseille face each other in the knockout stage of their respective competitions, with both teams seeking to progress in their respective competitions. The match between the two sides was goalless, leaving both sides looking for a breakthrough in their respective groups.

Solskjaer to test his management

Alex Ferguson says there is no rush for Gunnar Solskjaer to test his managerial skills in England after he guided Molde to their first ever Norwegian title success.

Ferguson paid tribute to his former player’s achievement, as he led Molde to the championship in the club’s 100-year history, aged just 38.

Solskjaer spent two years coaching Manchester United’s reserve side before retiring from the game in 2008, heading for Molde in December of that year.

Solskjaer was linked with the vacant managerial position at Lothian Road in October.

Mancini offers Tevez olive branch

MANCHESTER, 2 Nov—It has been expected that Tevez will leave Eastlands in January after the forward was accused of refusing to come on as a substitute against Bayern Munich in September.

Various clubs around the globe have expressed an interest in offering Tevez an escape route, but it appears the Argentine forward could yet be allowed to remain at City.

“Everything depends on Carlos,” Mancini told Corriere della Sera. “If he apologises to the squad and to me then everything will be as before. If he doesn’t then Tevez has a value that everyone knows and something will happen in January.”

He is totally unprepared and being badly advised. I don’t want it to be like this and I would be the first to forgive him.”

Tevez has been reluctant to apologise for his actions, although his advisor, Kio Joorabchian, has said the player is now happy to remain in England after his family moved over.

Ferguson: No rush for Solskjaer

LONDON, 2 Nov—Sir Alex Ferguson says there is no rush for Ole Gunnar Solskjaer to test his managerial skills in England after he guided Molde to their first ever Norwegian title success.

Ferguson paid tribute to his former player’s achievement, as he led Molde to the championship in the club’s 100-year history, aged just 38.

Solskjaer spent two years coaching Manchester United’s reserve side after he retired from the game in 2008, heading for Molde in December and sparking an instant upturn in their fortunes.

His title triumph led to speculation that he could return to England and he was linked with the vacant post at Championship side Portsmouth but Ferguson - whose side could face Molde in the Champions League next season - thinks Solskjaer should avoid rushing into a return.

Djokovic makes winning return at Swiss Indoors

BASLE, 2 Nov—Novak Djokovic made his return after missing six weeks with a back injury and defeated Xavier Malisse 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 in the first round of the Swiss Indoors on Tuesday.

The top-ranked Serb overcame some difficult moments before improving his record this season to 65-3.

Djokovic arrived on the court for the first time since 18 September wearing a frisbee mask resembling rock star Alice Cooper the night after Halloween.

Dressed all in black, Djokovic broke his Belgian opponent’s first service game. However, Malisse rallied against the US Open champion in the second set and broke in the ninth game.

Djokovic then broke to a lead in the decider, and Malisse required a medical timeout to complete a 2-hour, 13-minute win.

Fish injury could derail London final hopes

BASLE, 2 Nov—The chances for Mardy Fish to play in his first ATP season finale may have been badly compromised as the American suffered a hamstring injury in his first round match at the Swiss Indoors here on Tuesday.

Fish was leading James Blake 1-0 in the opening set when he was forced to retire.

“I didn’t see anything. He suddenly started grabbing at his hamstring and had to call the trainer,” said Blake. “It’s worrying some that it appeared to happen on one shot and not over the course of a few days.”

“But Mardy is doing the cautious thing, he’s gone for an MRI and we will have to see the re-tirement, after just 11 minutes on court, could mean the end of Fish’s hopes of winning a place in the World Tour Finals in London from November 20.”

The 29-year-old stands provisional eighth in the race for the eight-man field, with three places still open.

The definitive line-up will be determined this week and next as the ATP regular season draws to a close.

Police launch probe into Terry row

LONDON, 2 Nov—The Metropolitan Police have launched a formal investigation into claims Chelsea and England captain John Terry racially abused QPR’s Anton Ferdinand.

London’s police force has been assessing the allegations against Terry since they received a complaint from a member of the public after the game between the two clubs at Loftus Road in October.

Terry denied the allegations in a statement on the evening after the match in which he claimed there had been a ‘misunderstanding’ and he was responding to a perceived accusation from Ferdinand that he had used a racist slur.

The FA later released a statement which read: “Further to an allegation from the recent QPR versus Chelsea fixture, The Football Association has been formally investigating the matter.”

“The Metropolitan Police has contacted the FA to make us further aware of their investigation into the matter. Due to this it would be inappropriate for the FA to comment until the Police have completed their own enquiries. Therefore, the FA will make no further comment at this time.”

Tsonga advances in Valencia Open tennis

VALENCIA, 2 Nov—World number eight Jo-Wilfried Tsonga struggled against wild-card entry Javier Marti from Spain 4-6, 7-5, 6-2, here in the first round of the Valencia Open on Tuesday.

The Frenchman, perhaps feeling the effects of his exploits in winning the Vienna Open on Sunday against Juan Martin del Potro in three sets, struggled in the first set against the Spaniard who is 182 in the ATP rankings.

He soon recovered from that reverse to take a tight second set, before comfortably controlling the decisive third.

Tsonga now goes on to meet the winner of the match between Latvia’s Ernest Gulbis and Sam Querrey of the USA for a place in the last eight, and the chance to improve his end of year ranking and qualify for the ATP World Tour Finals in London later this month.

Marrys tops 200 goals with 2nd straight hat-trick

MADRID, 2 Nov—Lionel Messi broke the 200-goal barrier for his Barcelona career with his second straight hat-trick in a 4-0 win at Viktoria Plzen on Tuesday night that advanced the club to the Champions League knockout stage.

Messi converted a penalty kick and set up three of his four goals in a 4-0 win at Viktoria Plzen on Tuesday night that advanced the club to the Champions League knockout stage. The 29-year-old stands provisional eighth in the race for the eight-man field, with three places still open.

The definitive line-up will be determined this week and next as the ATP regular season draws to a close.
Pakistan to boost trade ties with India

An Indian camel herder arrives with his livestock at a camel fair in Pushkar, India, on 2 Nov, 2011.

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ISLAMABAD, 2 Nov—Pakistan's government announced Wednesday it would normalize trade with its giant rival and neighbour India, a sign of better ties between two nuclear-armed nations whose tense relations have long poisoned South Asia. The decision to grant India “Most Favoured Nation” status would enable Pakistanis to export more goods to booming India at a time when Pakistan's economy is in the doldrums. Some Pakistani business quarters welcomed the decision, but others expressed concerns about cheaper Indian goods flooding the market.

The World Bank estimates that annual trade between India and Pakistan is around $1 billion and could grow to as much as $9 billion if barriers are lifted. Much of the current trade is illicit—products go through Dubai, where they are repackaged and smuggled into both countries, meaning higher prices and less tax revenue.

Pakistani Information Minister Firdous Ashiq Awan did not say when the new rules would take affect, but said that the country's powerful military — which has been waiting for it to be reciprocated. MFN status in 1996 and has been waiting since then for it to be reciprocated.

There was no immediate response from India, which gave Pakistan MFN status in 1996 and has been waiting since then for it to be reciprocated.

Mittu Bhavanna by Mingin Sayadaw Phayagg
Second regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 44th day
One proposal submitted, two bills approved, distribution of rules, notifications reported to Hluttaw, clarifications made on questions, proposal, bills

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov—The 44th day session of the Amyotha Hluttaw was held at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 1 pm today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 209 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

At today’s session, one proposal was submitted, two bills were approved, distribution of rules and notifications were reported to the Hluttaw, and questions proposals, bills raised and submitted during the second session were clarified.

In the proposal submission session, Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No. 1 submitted a proposal to support sending bills approved or deemed to be approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union to vet whether the bill is in conformity with the Constitution if doubted before sending it to the President to sign and promulgate it as law, and to object a proposal which has approved to overturn the issue at Pyithu Hluttaw.

Regarding the proposal, Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw said that representatives of the Amyotha Hluttaw phoned him for they were deeply unhappy with the decision of Pyithu Hluttaw (See page 9)

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Tatmadaw families donates foodstuffs to Thai flood victims

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov—Tatmadaw families donated foodstuffs for flood victims of Thailand and sent the donations to Thailand by Tatmadaw cargo aircraft via Yangon International Airport at 11 am today.

The donations were 30,780 packets of Mamee instant noodle worth K 3,216,360 and 6456 one-litre bottles of Myananda purified drinking water worth K 969,000, totalling K 4,185,360 in value and 8.988 tons in weight.

Officials hand over foodstuffs donated by Tatmadaw families for flood victims of Thailand to responsible persons.