**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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**President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein welcomes Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Dec**—A ceremony to welcome Prime Minister of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina who arrived here to pay a goodwill visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein was held on the lawns of the Presidential Residence, here, at 9.30 am today.

When Prime Minister of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina arrived at the Presidential Residence in a motorcade from Myat Tawwin Hotel, she was warmly welcomed by President U Thein Sein.

On the dais, they took the salute of the Guard of Honour. Meanwhile, the State Band played the National Anthems of the two countries.

After that, they inspected the Guard of Honour.

The Bangladeshi Prime Minister introduced Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Dipu Moni, senior officers and (See page 8)
Give community-based health knowledge

It is important for a person to enjoy a full life expectancy. Not only that, he also needs to be fit and healthy. No matter how perfect we are in our knowledge, wisdom and possessions, we cannot enjoy life with health. Only if we are fit and healthy, will we be able to serve the interests of ours, the people and the State.

It is necessary not only to provide treatment for the public when they become ill but also to take preventive measures against any disease. Disease prevention and public health knowledge must be prioritized. With lack of health knowledge, people’s lives may be in danger when they do not live healthily.

As more than 60 per cent of the nation’s population are mothers and children, more knowledge must be disseminated about nutrition development and health care. Measures for systematic health care and vaccination need to be reached out to the rural areas so that expectant mothers can give birth to their babies safe and sound and new-born babies can get well nourished.

Now, the people should cultivate a reading habit as libraries are mushrooming across the country. Particularly, reading corners must be established to study books on health care knowledge. By doing so, discussion on prevention of seasonal diseases can be made; the danger of pesticides can be known; and warnings against animals-to-human diseases can be learned.

Literacy, reading and health are related to each other. Collective reading, knowledge sharing and dissemination of health knowledge can help prevent disease. Moreover, giving community-based health knowledge extensively can ensure that the people are free from diseases.

12th TELSOM kicks off

The meeting elected Director-General U Khin Maung Thet of the Directorate of Telecommunications of Myanmar as meeting chairman and Chairman of AIC of the Philippines Mr Philips Varilla as the co-chairman.

Representatives of the AICE countries discussed matters related to AICE Summit and its resolutions, decisions on ICT, matters related to AEC Council, AICE ICT Strategic Plan (2015), AICE ICT Fund, projects on priority of TELSOM, reviewing the previous projects, matters related to 17th ATRC meeting, TOR matters for TELSOM and ATRC Working groups, MoU on cooperation between AICE and ITU, preparations for the TELSOM and partners meeting, preparations for 11th TELMIN Meeting, joint statement and others.

They approved the date and place for 13th TELSOM Meeting and discussed the report for the meeting.
Kenya refugee camp explosion kills policeman

DADAAB, 6 Dec—A policeman was killed and three people wounded in an explosion in Dadaab refugee camp Monday, the latest in a spate of grenade and landmine attacks in Kenya’s border regions with Somalia.

“One person has been killed in the explosion, three injured,” said Kenya Red Cross spokesperson Nelly Muluka, adding that the blast was in the Ifo II section of Dadaab, the world’s largest refugee camp complex.

“It is yet to be known if it was a landmine or a grenade that was hurled at the car,” said a police officer, speaking on condition of anonymity. “A policeman has been killed and the others have been injured.”

Kenyan officials blame Somali Islamist Shebab militants or their sympathisers for a series of recent shootings and bombings, although armed bandits also operate in the border areas. Gunmen seized two Spaniards working for Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders) from Dadaab in October and are thought to have taken them to Somalia.—Internet

Blasts across Afghanistan target Shi’ites, 59 dead

KABUL, 6 Dec—A suicide attack killed dozens of Shi’ite Muslims at a crowded Kabul shrine on Tuesday, and four others died in a smaller blast in a key northern city, in the worst sectarian violence Afghanistan has seen since the fall of the Taliban.

The Kabul bomb was the deadliest in the capital since 2008, and punctured any lingering sense of optimism from a conference on Monday where Western allies made firm but not specific promises to support Afghanistan after troops leave in 2014.

Bodies and blood were scattered down a street in the heart of old Kabul where a crowd of hundreds had gathered to mark the festival of Ashura, with chanting, and self-flagellation. At least 55 were killed and 160 wounded, some critically.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks in Kabul and northern Mazari-Sharif. The Taleban strongly condemned the bombings and blamed “invader enemies.”—MNA/Reuters

Thousands still without power after Calif winds

PASADENA, 6 Dec—Southern Californians were struggling Monday to clean up millions of dollars in damage and restore power to thousands of people still left in the dark nearly a week after one of the worst windstorms in years ripped through the region.

Meanwhile, forecasters said strong winds could return, but without nearly the punch that downed trees and utility poles by the thousands, damaged scores of homes and knocked out power to some 350,000 customers.

About 21,000 Southern California Edison customers remained without electricity Monday, five days after winds blasting to nearly 100 mph thrashed foothill communities along the San Gabriel Mountains just east of Los Angeles.

More than 500 repair personnel were working around the clock and hoped to have most power restored by Monday night, spokesman David Song said.

“We had thousands of trees down,” Song said. “A lot of them have gone onto our power lines so that’s hampered our basic recovery efforts.”

Fallen trees also blocked roads, he said, making it hard for repair crews to get to downed lines.—Internet

Cambodia closes 34 media establishments

PHNOM PENH, 6 Dec—Cambodia’s Ministry of Information announced Monday that it has closed 34 media establishments which are all running irregularly and have failed to resume their publication permits.

In the announcement signed by Minister of Information, it said the ministry’s Media Centre Department had regularly monitored and found that 34 media establishments were not running properly and they even have not resumed their permits from the government and could not gave clear reasons.

According to the announcement, among those closed, 16 were newspapers, 10 bulletins and nine magazines.

Yem Noy, director of Media Centre Department said “what we are attempting to do is to strengthen the rule of law and the media sector,” he said.

It is the second time this year that the government has taken action by closing these local media outlets.—MNA/Xinhua

Netherlands to apologise for 1947 Indonesia massacre

JAKARTA, 6 Dec—The Dutch government will formally apologise to Indonesia for the Dutch army’s 1947 executions of scores of people, the foreign ministry said Monday.

Dutch troops fighting to retain Indonesia as a colony swept into the Javan village of Rawagede and carried out the mass executions. Dutch officials say 150 people were killed, but a support group says the death toll was 431. In September, a Hague-based court ruled in favour of seven widows and a survivor of the massacre in the village east of Jakarta, known today as Balongsari. An eighth widow in the case died earlier.

The Netherlands agreed to pay 180,000 euros ($242,000) total in compensation.—Internet

Bombs hit Shi’ite pilgrims in Iraq, kill 32

BAGHDAD, 6 Dec—A series of bombs tore through crowds of Shi’ite pilgrims celebrating a major ritual across Iraq on Monday, killing at least 32 people, mostly women and children, and wounding scores more, local police and witnesses said.

The attacks, at the height of Ashura, which commemorates the death of Prophet Mohammed’s grandson Imam Hussein and defines Shi’ite Islam, underscored Iraq’s fragile security as the last US troops withdraw from the country by the end of the year.

In the first attack, a car bomb blasted the end of one procession in the City of Hilla, killing 16 mainly women and children, wounding 45 others and leaving bloody pools, shoes and torn clothes scattered across the street, police and witnesses said.

A utility worker saws down a damaged power line on Live Oak Ave, two days after severe windstorms caused major damage in Temple City, Calif, on 3 Dec, 2011.  Internet

A Indonesian widow Anti Rukiah, in her 90’s, visits the tomb of her husband Saleh Tanawijaya at the Rawagede monument of independence, where victims of a 1947 massacre by Dutch military troops are buried. Internet
**Business**

Samsung up after Apple’s bid to ban Galaxy rejected

SEOUL, 6 Dec—Shares in Samsung Electronics Co Ltd rose more than 2 percent on Monday after Apple Inc’s bid to halt US sales of its Galaxy line of products was rejected, easing concerns of slowing growth in its telecom business, which generates revenue of $13 billion per quarter.

The US court ruling deprived the iPhone and iPad maker of crucial leverage in a global patent battle between the two companies, and paved the way for Samsung to sustain its strong smartphone sales momentum.

The two companies are locked in a bruising legal battle that includes more than 20 cases in 10 countries, but none of them carries more significance than the US case, as it is the most important market for Samsung. Samsung reported a record 2.5 trillion won ($2.2 billion) operating profit at its telecommunication business for the third quarter, aided by healthy sales of its flagship Galaxy line of smartphones. It has forecast better handset results for the current quarter.—Reuters

Hong Kong stocks down 1.51 pct by midday

HONG KONG, 6 Dec—Hong Kong stocks moved down 289.93 points, or 1.51 percent to close Tuesday’s morning session at 18,889.76 points.

**Health**

Health Tip: The risks of smoking while pregnant

Smoking can cause serious complications during pregnancy, and can cause life-threatening problems for a baby.

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention lists these complications — for mother and child — that can occur from smoking during pregnancy:

* Increased difficulty getting pregnant.
* Increased risk of miscarriage.
* Increased risk of placental problems, low birth weight and premature delivery.
* Increased risk of sudden infant death syndrome.
* Increased risk of heart defects, cleft lip or palate.—Internet

Sitting down makes your bum bigger

LONDON, 6 Dec—If you happen to sit more often you are more likely to have a bigger bottom. Experts say that the pressure put on areas of the body used for sitting produces up to 50 percent more fat in those parts.

This can explain why couch potatoes and other sedentary behaviour makes you fat when combined with a lack of exercise. Even people with healthy diet and exercise habits will be affected if they spend long periods sitting behind a desk, The Telegraph reported Monday quoting researchers.

Researchers found that preadipocyte cells—the precursors to fat cells—turn into fat cells and produce even more fat when subject to prolonged periods of ‘mechanical stretching loads’—the kind of weight we put on our body tissues when we sit or lie down.—Internet

**Chicken and eggs can boost memory function**

New York, 6 Dec—Including eggs and chicken in one’s diet may help boost memory.

This is because the essential nutrient ‘choline’ found in eggs may sharpen aging brains, the report said.

Rhoda Au and her team of researchers from Boston University School of Medicine performed the long-term health study on 1,400 adults, spanning 10 years, New York Daily News reported.

They found that those participants who ate diets packed with plenty of choline, an essential nutrient found in eggs, performed better in memory tests and were less likely to acquire brain changes associated with dementia.

Internet

**Eating more fish may cut young women’s heart disease risk**

WASHINGTON, 6 Dec—Young women may reduce their risk of developing cardiovascular disease simply by eating more fish rich in omega-3 fatty acids, researchers reported Monday in Journal of the American Heart Association.

In the first population-based study in Danish women of childbearing age, those who rarely or never ate fish had 50 percent more cardiovascular problems over eight years than those who ate fish regularly. Compared to women who ate fish high in omega-3 weekly, the risk was 90 percent higher for those who rarely or never ate fish.

About 49,000 women, 15-49 years old, median age of just under 30 years in early pregnancy — were interviewed by telephone or answered food frequency questionnaires about how much, what types and how often they ate fish, as well as lifestyle habits and family history questions.

Researchers recorded 577 cardiovascular events during the eight-year period, including five cardiovascular deaths in women without any prior diagnosis of the disease. In all, 328 events were due to hypertensive disease, 146 from cerebral vascular disease, and 103 from ischemic heart disease. Inpatient and outpatient admission for cardiovascular disease was much more common among women who reported eating little or no fish.

Internet

**Dollar trades at upper 77 yen, euro falls on downgrade warning**

Tokyo, 6 Dec—The US dollar traded at the upper 77 yen range while the euro fell against the yen Tuesday morning in Tokyo, after S&P’s downgrade warning on eurozone countries for the debt crisis.

At noon, the dollar fetched 77.78-77.81 yen against 77.77-77.87 yen in New York and 77.98-99 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm Monday.

The euro was quoted at 1.3374-1.3375 US dollars and 104.02-06 yen versus 1.3395-1.3405 dollars and 104.23-33 yen in New York and 1.3446-1.3447 dollars and 104.85-89 yen in Tokyo late Monday afternoon.

Internet
Paris launches self-service e-car sharing programme

Paris, 6 Dec—Paris, in its latest bid to be an innovator of the City of Tomorrow, is launching an electric car-sharing programme to cut air and noise pollution on the city’s medieval cobblestone streets and beyond.

Autolib’, a project built on the success of the city’s bike-rental scheme, makes its debut Monday and officials want the self-service e-cars to be as much a part of Paris life as the Eiffel Tower or Notre Dame Cathedral.

While many world cities have been developing greener alternatives to carbon-emitting vehicles, Paris says its programme is the biggest of its kind: 250 vehicles hit the road on Monday, 2,000 are expected by next summer and 3,000 are planned within the next two years. The four-seat compact Bluecar — even though its really grey — is a collaboration of Italian car designer Pininfarina and French conglomerate Groupe Bollore, which hopes to showcase its Lithium Metal Polymer battery that powers the car. Prospective users will need a valid ID, driver’s license and credit card before signing up online or by a videoconference with an customer service representative at one of 40 special glassed-in shelters in Paris and dozens of suburban towns also taking part. Standard subscriptions cost C10 ($13.5) a day, C15 ($20) a week, and C144 ($195) a year. Beyond that, the hourly fees run from C4 to C9 based on the rental plan — and users’ cards can be charged in case of damage to the vehicles. —Internet

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Gulf tuna not as hurt by oil spill as feared

WASHINGTON, 6 Dec—A federal analysis shows that last year’s BP oil spill probably won’t push the troubled bluefin tuna population in the Gulf of Mexico population over the edge as some scientists had worried. Scientists had been most concerned about how the oil spill would harm an already overfished species of large tuna.

That’s because satellite records show that about one-fifth of the spawning habitat where the Gulf’s baby tuna were living was coated with oil. Tuna less than a year old are most vulnerable to pollution. The analysis says that at least three transits to the stars. Kepler requires the detection of this planet,” said William Borucki, Kepler principal investigator at the NASA Ames Research Centre who led the team that discovered Kepler-22b. “The first transit was captured just three days after we declared the spacecraft operationally ready. We witnessed the defining team third transit over the 2010 holiday season.”—Xinhua

NASA’s Kepler confirms first planet in habitable zone of Sun-like star

WASHINGTON, 6 Dec—NASA’s Kepler mission has confirmed its first planet in the “habitable zone,” a region where liquid water could exist on a planet’s surface, the US space agency announced on Monday.

The newly-confirmed planet, Kepler-22b, is the smallest yet found to orbit in the middle of the habitable zone of a star similar to Sun. The planet is about 2.4 times the radius of Earth. Scientists don’t yet know if Kepler-22b has a predominantly rocky, gaseous or liquid composition, but its discovery is a step closer to finding Earth-like planets. Previous research hinted at the existence of near-Earth-size planets in habitable zones, but clear confirmation proved elusive. Two other small planets orbiting stars smaller and cooler than Sun recently were confirmed on the very edges of the habitable zone, with orbits more closely resembling those of Venus and Mars.

“This is a major milestone on the road to finding Earth’s twin,” said Douglas Hudgins, Kepler programme scientist at the NASA Headquarters in Washington. “Kepler’s results continue to demonstrate the importance of NASA’s science missions, which aim to answer some of the biggest questions about our place in the universe.”

Kepler discovers planets and planet candidates by measuring dips in the brightness of more than 150,000 stars to search for planets that cross in front, or “transit,” the stars. Kepler requires at least three transits to confirm a planet. Fortune smiled upon us with the detection of this planet,” said William Borucki, Kepler principal investigator at the NASA Ames Research Centre who led the team that discovered Kepler-22b. “The first transit was captured just three days after we declared the spacecraft operationally ready. We witnessed the defining team third transit over the 2010 holiday season.”—Xinhua
Radioactive water may leak into Pacific

TOKYO, 6 Dec— The operator of Japan’s quake damaged Fukushima No 1 nuclear power plant on Monday confirmed that radioactive water from the plant may have leaked into the ocean, sparking fresh concerns about the nation’s ongoing nuclear crisis.

Asia’s largest utility firm Tokyo Electric Power Company, also known as Tepco, said that around 45 tons of water contaminated with radioactive substances caesium and iodine had likely run into the ocean from a gutter system into which water had leaked from a condensation unit.

Junichi Matsumoto, a general manager at Tepco, said the leaked water contained 16,000 becquerels per liter of radioactive cesium 134 and 29,000 becquerels of cesium 137, surpassing government safety limits by 267 and 322 times respectively.

Local media reports have also said that the contaminated water may also contain other radioactive substances such as strontium, known to cause bone cancer in humans.

Tepco officials told the Press on Monday that contaminated water leaked from a desalination unit through a crack in a concrete wall into a gutter. The gutter connects with a drain that flows freely into the Pacific Ocean, the utility said.

The remaining contaminated water that leaked from the desalination unit was being pumped from the building, Tepco added.—Xinhua

Landslide kills seven in central-eastern Colombia

BOGOTA, 6 Dec— At least seven people were killed and one was injured in a landslide Monday in rural areas of Tolima Province in central-eastern Colombia, local authorities said. The landslide hit early in the morning in a village in Herveo municipality, burying a house and killing seven people, said Jaime Diaz, captain of local firefighters.

The seven victims were five women and two girls from the same family, said the captain. According to Colombia’s Risk Management Office, disasters in the ongoing rainy season have left 120 people dead, 21 missing and 105 injured. —Xinhua

Mauritania arrests two suspected of kidnapping Europeans

NOUAKCHOTT, 6 Dec— Mauritanian police said Monday they had arrested two Western Saharan men suspected of kidnapping an Italian and two Spanish aid workers in Algeria in October.

The two men who kidnapped two Spaniards and an Italian in a Sahrawi refugee camp were arrested in their hotel in the town of Nouadhibou where they had been for 11 days, a police source said on condition of anonymity.

One of the suspects was identified as Maminnna Alaaguir Abdel Aziz Ahmed Baba who the source said was the main perpetrator of the 23 October abduction in the Sahrawi refugee camp in Tindouf.

The second is Aghdafa Hamady Ahmed Baba, who closely aided in the kidnap. It is not clear if the two are related.

Security sources in Nouakchott and Ravak said those responsible belonged to a Sahrawi wing of the north African Al-Qaeda branch, Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), although there has been no claim of responsibility.

Western Sahara’s Polisario Front, which is fighting for the territory’s independence from Morocco, said the kidnappers had come from Mali and had returned back there with the hostages — claims rejected by Bamako. — Internet

Search for missing Ga girl turns up body in trash

CANTON, 6 Dec— A body found in a trash container is believed to be that of a 7-year-old girl who went missing last week from an apartment complex playground north of Atlanta, authorities said Monday.

Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokesman John Bankhead said that “everything points to it being” Jorelys Rivera of Canton. Bankhead said officials were awaiting results of an autopsy to confirm the identity and a cause of death.

Bankhead told The Associated Press the body appeared to have been severely beaten and sexually assaulted. He said the girl’s mother had been notified. No suspects were in custody as of Monday night, authorities said. The girl’s mother returned to the apartment complex early Monday evening.—Internet

Indonesia ratifies global ban on nuclear tests

JAKARTA, 6 Dec— Indonesia says it has ratified a global treaty banning nuclear test explosions. Negotiated in the 1990s, the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty specified that the 44 countries with nuclear power or research reactors at the time needed to give formal approval before it could take effect. With the endorsement Tuesday by Indonesia’s parliament, the treaty is now only awaiting ratification from the United States, China, Egypt, India, Iran, Israel, North Korea and Pakistan.

Indonesian lawmaker Mahfudz Siddiq urged the remaining countries — especially the US and Israel — to get off the bench and sign. Indonesia, a nation of 240 million, has three research atomic reactors.—Internet

Armed man kidnaps passenger bus in S Philippines, wounding two

MANILA, 6 Dec— An armed man kidnapped a passenger bus in the southern Philippine province of Cotabato Monday night, wounding the driver and a conductor, police said, Melico Lavania, 46, armed with a handgun and a grenade, boarded the Weena Bus with an undetermined number of passengers at around 7:00 pm and declared hold up, police spokesman Agrimero Cruz Jr said, citing a report from Police Regional Office 12.

The incident happened along the national highway in North Manuangan village in Pigcawayan town. The suspect shot the driver and the conductor. Cruz said that the responding police blocked the route of the passenger bus, prompting the suspect to surrender. The wounded victims were brought to the nearest hospital for treatment, he added. — MNA/Xinhua

Aerial Vehicle (UAV) programme, granting a rare glimpse of hangars that house 6 Heron medium-altitude long-endurance drones at the Palmachim Air Base, south of Tel Aviv. — Xinhua

A state trooper return to their cars as authorities comb through piles of garbage in the background from a trash container where the body believed to be that of 7-year-old Jorelys Rivera was found Monday on 5 Dec, 2011 in Canton, Ga.—Internet

The crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant’s No 4, No 3, No 2 and No 1 (R-L) reactor buildings are seen from bus windows in Fukushima prefecture on 12 November, 2011. — Internet

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Bangladeshi PM views around Nay Pyi Taw

**Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Dec—** The goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina visited Myanmar Gems Museum at 4 pm today. They were welcomed by officials on arrival at the museum.

After viewing gems of Myanmar displayed in the museum, the visiting PM signed visitors’ book.

The visiting Bangladesh PM and party observed the Hluttaw Building in a motorcade.

On arrival at Uppatasanti Pagoda, they were welcomed by Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung and officials.

After studying stone carvings in the cave and offering flowers and water to the Jātaka Buddha Image, the visiting PM signed visitors’ book.

The visiting PM donated cash to the pagoda through the Union minister who returned certificate of honour and stone-embedded painting of pagoda to her.

The Bangladesh PM and party viewed white elephants in the precinct of the pagoda.

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Border trade resumed in Myawady

**Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Dec—** Friendship Bridge (Union Bridge) was opened yesterday morning. Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min, State ministers, officials, merchants and local people attended the ceremony held on the bridge on Myanmar side.

Border trade resumption ceremony was held on Union Highway in Myawady Trade Zone. The Union minister and the chief minister addressed the ceremony.

The Union minister in his address said that the resumption of Myawady trade zone will bring about friendship and trade between the two countries while contributing to the economic development of the border area.

The chief minister highlighted the need to trade goods of high quality and with set standards.

The Union minister and the chief minister attended the meeting with local people which was attended over 450 people.

They inspected the passage of trucks transporting exports and imports on Union Highway and issuance of export license.

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Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic being kept for public obeisance for 15th day

**Yangon, 6 Dec—** The Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic is being kept for public obeisance in Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill, here for 15th day today.

Officials accepted cash donated by 310 wellwishers including K 2.5 million by Major Nay Lin (Rtd)-Daw Nu Nu Aye and family of Mingaladon Township, K 504,000 by (Lt-Gen Tin Oo) and wife Daw Khin Than Nwe, K 1 million by United Gas Shop of Shwetaungtan Street, K 1,180,000 by staff of the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd, K 100,000 by Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw and wife Daw Nanda Hmon, K 1 million by All Private Bus-line Control Committee (Yangon Region) and K 100,000 by Maj-Gen Saw Tun (Rtd) and wife.

Officials also accepted 1,155 items of jewellery donated by well-wishers.

The donations from 5 December to 6 pm today amounted to K 157,373,902 in cash, jewellery worth K 159,228,700, US$ 6,159, S$ 439 and Euro 32.

The donations from 22 November to 6 pm today amounted to K 137,497,261 in cash and 7,174 items of jewellery worth K 894,686,100 totalling K 22,696,587,21 both in cash and jewellery.

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Civilian tortured by KIA receiving treatment in Muse Hospital

**Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Dec—** Maung Myint, 31, who had been tortured by KIA (Kachin) group was admitted to Muse People’s Hospital with gunshot wounds at 6 pm yesterday. He is receiving medical treatment there and officials concerned are providing necessary assistance.

According to Maung Myint, who identified himself as a villager of Hmatkhay village in Kyauktaga Township and a vendor who sells goods at some markets in China and Inpapa market on the border of Kachin State, KIA (Kachin) group made of 15 members abducted him displaying his shop in Inpapa market. He was kept in detention in KIA camp along with four foreigners and one Myanmar. He was tortured by KIA group in a chair, with his legs tied and his hands tied in knot. On 3 December morning, three KIA members freed him and two others from the cell, ordered to turn back and opened fire on them. He lost consciousness with a gunshot wound in the head and recovered at 5 pm. With the help of a Shan national woman, he arrived at a village on Chinese border and then reached Muse through Shwele/Kyal Gaung, he recalled.

He witnessed while in the KIA cell that a foreigner was released after getting ransom from his family. There are two other foreigners left in the cell when he and two others were pulled out of the cell, according to Maung Myint.
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Ambassador of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Maj-Gen Anup Kumar Chakma, ndc, psc to President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein.

 Afterwards, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein also introduced Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Winna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htike, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the People’s Republic of Bangladesh U Min Lwin.—MNA

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and Prime Minister of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina inspect Guard of Honour.

MNA

Myanmar, Bangladeshi CCIs meet

Meeting between Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in progress.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Dec—Members of the Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry who accompanied Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina held a meeting with members of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at Yadana Theinga Hotel, here, yesterday evening.

President of the UMFCCI U Win Aung and President of Bangladesh CCI Mr AK Azad delivered addresses.

Those present discussed more cooperation in economic sectors of both countries.

After the discussion, the Bangladesh CCI hosted a dinner to Prime Minister of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina on the lawns of the hotel.

MNA

Formation of political party allowed

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Dec—Union Election Commission allowed formation of Myanmar New Society Democratic Party of U Zin Aung and 18 persons today as its application for registration as political party is accorded with law and rules as the commission is scrutinizing applications for registration and allowing formation of political parties.—MNA
Both countries are collaborating in regional...

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National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Myanmar Ambassador to Bangladesh U Min Lwin and departmental heads.

The Bangladeshi Prime Minister was accompanied by Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Dipu Moni, senior officers, Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Maj-Gen Anup Kumar Chakma, ndc, psc and officials.

In extending his greetings, President U Thein Sein said that he was glad that the Head of Government from a neighbouring nation sharing border with Myanmar has paid a visit to the country and it was like a relative’s visit. He expressed his thanks to the Prime Minister for giving time to visit although she has had a very tight schedule. He also expressed his hope that the visit will further strengthen the existing mutual amity and cooperation.

The Bangladeshi Prime Minister on her part expressed thanks for being invited to visit Myanmar. The relations between the two countries which have similar geographical conditions and history are improving. The Prime Minister expressed her wish to promote bilateral cooperation in all sectors including economy. Now, both countries are collaborating in the areas of regional organizations such as BIMSTEC, ASEAN and ARF and the UN. The Prime Minister said that she would like to cooperate in building motor roads and railroads linking the two countries. Only then, will it contribute a lot to the improvement of bilateral trade and economy. As Bangladesh does not have enough electricity, the country has signed agreements to cooperate with India, Bhutan and Nepal in hydro-power sector. She wished to see similar cooperation with Myanmar. Besides, she expressed her interest in purchasing natural gas from Myanmar. She invited the President to pay a visit to Bangladesh.

In his discussion, President U Thein Sein said that the new government is practising the independent, active and non-alligned foreign policy. Moreover, the country is amicably cooperating with all global nations and the UN in accordance with the five principles of peaceful coexistence. Myanmar will be cooperating more with all the neighbouring nations. Myanmar is also joining hands with Bangladesh and BIMSTEC. Besides, the two countries are collaborating in regional and international issues by supporting each other. Myanmar wished to see resumption of flights between the two countries, which have been suspended.

The President also said that the proposal of the Prime Minister to construct motor road to link the two countries would be considered. Trade between the two countries is currently very weak. The trade between the two countries touched only US$ 137 million in 2010-2011 fiscal year. Both sides need to make efforts to increase the volume of trade to reach US$ 500 million. Myanmar side is willing to enhance border trade and regular trade between the two countries. Bangladesh is offered the chance to make investments in Myanmar where 31 countries are investing. Handover of Myanmar citizens in Bangladesh will be carried out step by step as mutually agreed before. The two nations need to cooperate in anti-narcotic measures. The government is realizing rural development and poverty alleviation tasks in Myanmar, with the aim to reduce poverty rate from 26 % to 16 % by 2015 in accord with Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations.

Leader of Spokespersons and Information Team Union Minister for Information and for Culture receives Head of the Voice of America (Myanmar Section) — MNA

President U Thein Sein receives Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Credentials Hall of Presidential Residence.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Dec — Leader of the Spokespersons and Information Team of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan received Head of the Voice of America (Myanmar Section) U Than Lwin Tun at the Mol, here, at 10 am today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Managing Director U Ye Tint of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise U Zaw Min Oo, Head of Office U Myint Htwe and officials.— MNA

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President U Thein Sein meets…

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Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein,
Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htuk,
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Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye,
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Kyaw Kyaw Win, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Myanmar Ambassador to Bangladesh U Min Lwin

and departmental heads. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was accompanied by Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Dtpu Moni, senior officers, Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Maj-Gen Anup Kumar Chakma, ndc, psc, and embassy officials. They cordially discussed mutual cooperation in aviation, water transport, banking, energy, trade, education, construction, agriculture and BIMSTEC matters between the two countries and reciprocal cooperation in the region. Next, President U Thein Sein and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attended the ceremony to sign agreements between the two countries. First, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wnna Maung Lwin and Bangladesh Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Dtpu Moni signed an agreement on establishment of joint commission for bilateral cooperation. Afterwards, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung and President of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry Mr AK Azad signed an MoU for establishment of cooperation commission office between the two federations and exchanged notes.

President U Thein Sein hosts dinner to goodwill delegation led by Bangladeshi PM

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Dec—President U Thein Sein hosted a dinner to the goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina at Credentials Hall of Presidential Residence here this evening. The dinner was attended by Vice-Presidents Thiba Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Khiam, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khan Aung Myint, Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Thein Soe, Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Union ministers, deputy ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to Bangladesh U Min Lwin and departmental officials. The delegation led by the Bangladesh Prime Minister was accompanied by Bangladesh Ambassador to Myanmar Maj-Gen Anup Kumar Chakma, ndc, psc and senior officials. Before the dinner, the State Band played national anthems of the two nations. Artists from Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture performed Myanmar traditional cultural dances at the dinner. The President presented the visiting Bangladesh Prime Minister the documentary photo album of her trip. The President and the visiting Bangladesh Prime Minister presented bouquets to the artistes and posed for photo with them.

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Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Dec—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan attended a ceremony to honour outstanding students from Salingyi Township who passed the 2010-2011 matriculation examination and the teachers at Salingyi Township Basic Education High School on 4 December morning.

It was also attended by Deputy Speaker U Thaung Sein of Sagaing Region Hluttaw, Region Minister for Finance and Revenue U Saw Myint Oo, representatives from Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Region Hluttaw, departmental officials and others.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said the government is trying for all-round development of all sectors such as health, human resource development, rural development and poverty alleviation.

For providing public health care, preparations have been made to perform free surgical operation on the eye patients of Salingyi Township. Moreover, arrangements have been made to provide assistance for the farmers and those engaging in cottage industry from the township, who have difficulty in their capital for their businesses by setting up a micro-credit association with the starting capital K 50 million. So, the locals are urged to strive for consolidating the association.

Next, the Union Minister, officials and donor U Khin Maung (Manaw Thukha) presented cash awards to the outstanding students. Then, the Latpantaung Sayadaw donated K 1.1 million for the new building of the school.

Then, the Union Minister presented cash awards to the teachers, K 1 million for the new school building, K 3 million for one village to build a library with State funds and two villages to build libraries with the funds of Myanmar Libraries Foundation and publications for 34 already-built libraries.

Afterwards, the Union Minister and party greeted those present. On 4 December, the Union Minister attended a ceremony to donate 500 dozens of exercise books for Kyatkyaw Village BEHS (Branch) of the township.

201 arrested in 146 drug-related cases

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Dec—November witnessed 146 drug-related cases. A total of 47,1025 kilos of opium were seized in 15 cases, 1,031 kilos of heroin in 29 cases, 0.5149 kilos of solid opium oil in 13 cases, 5,5936 kilos of low-grade opium in 7 cases, 17,0821 kilos of marijuana in 13 cases, 48,8480 kilos of stimulant tablets in 60 cases, 25,743.970 kilos of opium speciosa in three cases, 0.0008 kilo of stimulant powder, 31,2337 kilos of morphine in one case, 10.5 kilos of Soda, 68 liters of opium liquid, 48 liters of sulphuric acid, 16 liters of Nitric acid, 32 liters of

UMFCCI President meets Japanese guests

Yangon, 6 Dec—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung and Vice-Presidents and responsible persons met a seven-member delegation led by Chairman of Marubeni Corporation Mr Nobuo Katsunuma at the federation’s office, here, on 1 December.

They discussed promotion of cooperation in trade and investment between Myanmar and Japan, cooperation in technology, development of special economic zones and deep sea ports of Myanmar, conducting training courses for uplifting proficiency of Myanmar entrepreneurs and staff of factories and workshops, sending of Japanese technicians to Myanmar, formation of Japan-Myanmar Business Cooperation Team to be able to cooperate between entrepreneurs of both countries.—MNA

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina unveils foundation stone of Bangladesh Embassy in Nay Pyi Taw

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Dec—The ceremony to erect foundation stone of Bangladesh Embassy at Nay Pyi Taw Diplomatic Zone was held at 3.15 pm today. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina unveiled the foundation stone at the site chosen for the construction of the embassy. The ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Kan Chun, Myanmar Ambassador to Bangladesh U Min Lwin and officials. The delegation led by the Bangladeshi PM was accompanied by Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Maj-Gen Anup Kumar Chakma, ndc, psc.

The Bangladeshi ambassador explained about area and environment of the embassy and plans for the construction of the embassy.

The visiting PM unveiled the foundation stone and sprinkled scented water over it and expressed her thanks for inviting her and allowing construction of embassy in Nay Pyi Taw.

The Bangladeshi ambassador presented a commemorative stone-embossed painting to the visiting PM.—MNA

Outstanding matriculation students from Salingyi Tsp honoured

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan presents price to an outstanding student of Salingyi Township.
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Israeli brain researcher wins prestigious US award
JERUSALEM, 6 Dec — A Hebrew University brain researcher was awarded the US Society for Neuroscience's (SIN) Swartz Prize for Theoretical and Computational Neuroscience, the university said in a statement issued Sunday. Prof. Haim Sompolinsky received 25,000 US dollars for his "significant cumulative contribution" to theoretical models in neuroscience, the statement said.
A veteran scientist at the university's Edmond and Lily Safra Center for Brain Sciences, Sompolinsky's life-long research in brain theory relies on principles and methods of statistical physics and dynamical systems. He developed a "ring" model that serves as a key paradigm for modeling neural circuits and stands at the core of numerous studies of short-term memory, decision-making, selectivity and reception. —Xinhua

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Michigan woman sues over smelly car

A Michigan woman may not have expected that new-car smell when she bought a used vehicle but says she certainly didn’t expect the odor of a dead body.

In a lawsuit filed in Oakland County Circuit Court, Margarita Salais of New Baltimore alleges the dealership’s staff sold her a 2006 Ford Expedition last March without telling her it once held a dead body. The Detroit News reported Monday, “They bought the car while it was still cold out in March,” her attorney, Dani Liblang, told the News.

“The warmer it got, the worse the smell got.” Salais said when she brought the car back to the dealership someone told her the smell came from a dead animal. She said she filed a claim with her insurance company, whose investigators determined odor was of human origin.

The insurance company later learned the car had been stolen three times, something Salais said the dealer also failed to tell her.

Her efforts to return the car were fruitless and she now seeks $25,000 plus court fees, the News said.

Carjacker foiled by victim’s texting

Police in Missouri said an accused carjacker was arrested after a passenger exchanged text messages with a friend in a following car.

Kansas City police said Antonio Jackson, 27, of Kansas City, allegedly pointed a gun at two women who were leaving a party at the Peanut Bar downtown and ordered them to get into the front seats of their Toyota Highlander when he discovered they were not carrying any cash, the Kansas City Star reported.

The gunman ordered the women to take him to an ATM, but a friend leaving the party approached the vehicle before they left and asked the women if they were OK. The friend, who could not see through the tinted windows to see Jackson in the back seat, said the woman responded they were OK, but he was worried by the driver’s facial expression and decided to follow the sport-utility vehicle.

The man sent a text message to the passenger asking again if the women were OK, and she responded, “No, call cops.”

Whale sharks enjoy “buffet” from fishing net’s leaks.

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British singer Adele notched a new record Monday, when the Official Charts Company (OCC) confirmed that her second album “21” had become the biggest seller in Britain this century.

The record, which looks set to be the world’s most successful album of 2011, has passed sales of 3.4 million copies, eclipsing the late Amy Winehouse’s 2006 LP “Back To Black” which has sold 3.3 million.

According to the OCC, 21 has never left the British top 10 since its release in January, and Sunday clocked its 45th week in the upper end of the rankings, rising to No. 5 from ninth.

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“Hugo” production designer Dante Ferretti and set decorator Francesca Lo Schiavo were also honored for their work on that 3D film. George Clooney and Michelle Williams won top acting awards for “The Descendants” and “My Week With Marilyn,” respectively, while Albert Brooks (“Drive”) and Octavia Spencer (“The Help”) won for their supporting roles.

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A New York state 10-year-old whose bottled message was thrown into the Gulf Stream in March says he has word it had been found 2,589 miles away in Portugal.

Curtis Kipple, 10, of Adams Basin, wrote the message-in-a-bottle as part of a fourth-grade class project and it was thrown into the Gulf Stream in March by Outer Banks fishermen off the coast of North Carolina, the Rochester (NY) Democrat and Chronicle reported Monday.

“I wrote about how I like to play football with my dad,” said Kipple, who is now a fifth-grader at Fred W Hill School in Brockport. “And video games.”

Kipple’s fourth-grade teacher, Chris Albrecht, said he received an e-mail last week from a Portuguese woman informing him that the boy’s bottle had been found by her father and brother while they were fishing off the island of Terceira.

“My brother and my father [woke] up earlier today and went to sea to catch a seafood very common here and found a bottle with a message from a boy Curtis Kipple,” Ana Ponte, 25, wrote in the e-mail.

US bottled message found in Portugal

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Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo & Xavi shortlisted for Ballon d’Or

LONDON, 6 Dec — Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo and Xavi have been named on a three-man shortlist for the prestigious FIFA Ballon d’Or. Messi, 24, claimed the accolade in 2009 and 2010, while Barcelona team-mate Xavi, 31, was third in 2009 and 2010. Real Madrid’s Ronaldo, 26, triumphed in 2008 and was second in 2007 and 2009. Also on the shortlist is Messi’s clever chip and volley over Arsenal goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny in the Champions League last 16 last season, along with Neymar’s incredible solo effort for Santos against Flamengo in July. Argentina international Messi is the favourite to make it a hat-trick of Ballon d’Or wins after another stunning season for Barcelona, scoring 53 goals in all competitions.

World Cup winner Xavi was the architect of many of Messi’s goals, while Portuguese star Ronaldo also scored 53 times for Real Madrid as they finished second in La Liga, won the Copa del Rey and lost out to Barcelona in the Champions League semi-finals.

Ronaldo tweeted: “It’s great to be again nominated as one of the Fifa Ballon d’Or final three contenders.”

United search for the right chemistry in Basel

BASL, 6 Dec — Basel is a centre of the pharmaceutical industry and the Ukrainian manager🐾 Alex Ferguson must find the right formula against the Swiss champions to avoid a premature Champions League exit on Wednesday. United, who have failed to past the group stage only twice in 16 previous Champions League appearances, still need a point away to FC Basel to complete what is usually the formality of qualifying for the knockout stages. A win for the visitors would send them through after Spurs won all three League matches.

It is the second time Redknapp has been recognised this season after also winning Barclays Manager of the Month in September.

Redknapp was at home watching Spurs first match of the month — a 3-1 win at London rivals Fulham as he recovered from a minor heart operation.

But his work this season inspired his team to another win for Spurs who were led by an impressive performance by midfielder Parker.

Aston Villa’s Shay Given out for month with hamstring injury

LONDON, 6 Dec — Aston Villa goalkeeper Shay Given has been ruled out for a month with a hamstring injury he picked up in the 1-0 defeat by Manchester United. Given, 35, suffered a small tear in his left hamstring just before the break. Villa manager Alex McLeish said: “It is disappointing to lose Shay in such circumstances but, unfortunately, these things happen in football.”

Midfielder Jermaine Jenas suffered an Achilles injury against United with the club still waiting on his scan results. Republic of Ireland stopper Given had played in all Villa’s Premier League matches since his move to Villa from Manchester City in the summer for an undisclosed fee. American Brad Guzan, who replaced Given seven minutes before half-time against United, will continue to deputise.

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Spurs manager and midfielder scoop Barclays awards after excellent November

LONDON, 6 Dec — Tottenham Hotspur manager Harry Redknapp and midfielder Scott Parker have been named Barclays Manager of the Month and Barclays Player of the Month for November after Spurs won all three League matches.

Spurs won three Barclays Premier League matches in a row under Redknapp in November.

Chelsea, Porto face early exits

LONDON, 6 Dec — Chelsea’s Champions League future hangs in the balance with the Premier League side needing to beat Valencia on Tuesday to guarantee their place in the knockout stages for a ninth successive season.

A Valencia victory would put the Spaniards safely through from Group E and pile further pressure on Chelsea manager Andre Villas-Boas who has come under intense scrutiny in recent weeks.

The Portuguese’s stuttering side have lost five of their last 10 matches in all competitions as their normally solid defence has become increasingly erratic and an increasingly creaky midfield has struggled to reproduce the rampant attacking football that helped them win the Europa League as well as a domestic double last season. Olympique Marseille travel to Borussia Dortmund in Group F needing to beat the German side to reach the next round.

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Comcast to start selling Verizon mobile early 2012

New York, 6 Dec.—Comcast Corp., the largest US cable operator, will start selling Verizon Wireless products in four markets early next year, its top cable executive said on Monday.

Comcast, Time Warner Cable Inc and Bright House Networks last week said they had reached a deal to sell wireless spectrum to Verizon Wireless for $3.6 billion in a transaction that will also see Verizon sell cable products and the cable companies bundle Verizon wireless products.

Neil Smits, president of Comcast Cable, said his company will continue to compete with Verizon Wireless’ parent Verizon Communications Inc in markets where it offers its FiOS TV and Internet service.

Time Warner Cable, too, plans to start selling Verizon Wireless products and the cable companies bundle Verizon wireless products.

But Time Warner Cable’s Estes said it was too soon predict what specific new products it could bring to market with Verizon, or when those products could be available.

Cable companies have previously partnered with wireless companies Sprint Nextel and Clearwire Corp. Smits said Comcast would begin to wind down its customer relationships with those companies but it would retain its 9 percent equity stake in Clearwire “for the foreseeable future”.

Verizon Wireless is co-owned by Verizon and Vodafone.—Reuters
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NAY PYI TAW, 6 Dec—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein had a discussion with a goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Residence, here, at 10.15 am today. Also present at the meeting were Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing. (See page 10)

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