Myanmar, Britain to cooperate in development of education, health, human resources

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct—The 19th Myanmar National Races’ Traditional Performing Arts Competition continued at the designated places in Yezin Universities’ Campus in Zeyathiri Township today.

Contestants from Kachin, Mon, Rakhine, Chin and Kayin States, Mandalay, Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions participated in the Maha Gita song, old and modern song, dancing, Kwetseik (narration), orchestra, oboe, xylophone and song composing contests.

Among the spectators were Deputy Ministers U Aung Thein, Dr Lin Aung and U Than Swe, Supreme Court Judge U Aung Zaw Thein, Joint-Secretary of the Organizing Committee Director-General of Fine Arts Department U Yan Naung On and members of subcommittees, members of the panel of judges at central and region and state levels and students. —MNA

Contestants from regions, states take part in Performing Arts Competition

President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with former Prime Minister of Britain Mr. Tony Blair.—MNA

“Bigger size, more pages and more sections”

Nyi Sae Min (U Kyaw Zan Hla)

I appreciate international-standard publication of The New Light of Myanmar and expect class reports, features and commentaries. It will be better with bigger size, more pages and more knowledgeable and entertainment sections.

Maung Min Thint Myat Ko of Mon State taking part in basic level aged 5-10 boys’ dancing contest.—MNA

Mandalay sees so

“More space for regional news”

Natmauk Tun Shein

Chief editorMandalay Daily

“Early morning with latest news”

Nyi Pu Lay (Nyein Chan)

Ludu Kyi Pwar Yay Publishing House

It’s a welcome change that Myanma Alin, Kyemon and The New Light of Myanmar are printed in colour without changing the price. The readers find it in themselves to like the papers in colour. The newspapers should reach into the hands of readers as the night ends. They should run reports, articles and cartoons that are newsworthy and reflect the age. There should be more space for regional news. While private dailies set to hit the news stand, the state-owned newspapers must try more to keep and attract readers.

Nay Pyi Taw, 20 Oct—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a delegation led by former Prime Minister of Britain Mr. Tony Blair at the anteroom of Presidential Palace, here, at 3.30 pm today.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, U Soe Thein, U Win Myint, Dr. Mya Aye, Dr. Pe Thet Khin and Dr. Ko Ko Oo, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Zin Yaw and officials. They had a cordial discussion on cooperation in securing greater development in education, health and human resource sectors. —MNA

“Early morning with latest news”

Mandalay Daily

YANGON, 20 Oct—Yangon Expo & Car Show kicked off at Karaweik World Park market festival (Kandawgyi Park), here, yesterday. Soft drinks, clothes, cosmetics, 24 hours health service, digital lock, home video phones, travel companies, water purifiers, car engine oil, brick mould, medicine and employment service agencies are put on show.

The car sale centers also display Hilux Surt, Probox, Harriters, Honda, Lexus, Markx and BMW etc. According to an official from the car sale center, Probs car is the most popular and best-selling one. The car will be sold in installment. The buyers are to settle 20 percent of the car price in cash and the rest, through hire-purchase system during 6-12 month (or) 48 months in installment. Kanbawza Bank Ltd will offer the service for hire purchase system. The exhibition which will be held from 9 am to 9 pm was packed with buyers and visitors on the first day.

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Octagon becomes sole distributor of Scania in Myanmar

YANGON, 20 Oct—Scania, the Swedish trucks and buses manufacturer, has signed a distribution agreement with the Octagon International Services Co Ltd, here today as its sole distributor in Myanmar.

During the signing ceremony, Mr James William Thomas Armstrong, Managing Director of Scania South East Asia, and U Chan Mya, Managing Director of Octagon International Services Co Ltd, exchanged notes after signing sale distributor agreement in the presence of Mr Martin Lundstedt, CEO of Scania Company, Mr Olof Henrik Gudmund Henriksson, Executive Vice President, Franchise and Factory Sales, U Aik Htun, Chairman of Shwe Taung Development Co Ltd, and Mr Martin Lundstedt, CEO of Scania Company.

Octagon, member of the Shwe Taung Group, has imported Scania trucks and buses in Myanmar since 2007, and so far about 500 trucks and buses have been distributed in Myanmar.

Scania trucks and buses, which are equipped with computerized speed control system, are used for mining and construction works and for long haul transport services in Myanmar, ensuring the safety of passengers. All Scania trucks, buses and generators is covered by warranty for one year and service support by mobile service teams of Octagon.

Nay Pyi Taw, 20 Oct—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and agriculturists from Belgium will hold a discussion with local farmers on cooperation in Alyinlo village, Pyinmana Township of Phakant Township in Mon State.

The Union Minister presented hybrid sunflower strain and hybrid maize strain, one of the best varieties of hybrid paddy yesterday.

They also visited 100-day Palethwe hybrid paddy strain, hybrid paddy plantation for seed production, three acres of groundnut plantation, thriving Korean hybrid paddy, farmer educational groundnut plantation and five acres of soybean research plantation.

The Union Minister then discussed mutual cooperation with the Belgium agriculturists.

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Buddha Pujiyaniya of Kyaikkhami Pagoda 29 Oct–4 Nov

KYAIKKHAMI, 20 Oct—Buddha Pujiyaniya of Kyaikkhami Yaye Hsunawshin Pagoda will be held in Thanbyuzayat Township of Mon State from 29 October to 4 November.

Yangon Theatrical Drama Troupe (Tin Maung Hsan Min Win) and Mawlamyine Theatrical Drama Troupe and Sky Net music band will present entertainment to the people. Moreover, football tournament and Sepak Takraw contest will be held there.

The Pujaniya organizing committee has arranged security and safety in accommodation and transportation for the pilgrims far and near. Photo shops and souvenir shops have been allotted for entrepreneurs. The opening ceremony of the way to the Pagoda will be held on 14th waxing of Thadingyut.

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Palestinian push for UN upgrade likely to succeed: Jeremic

UNITED NATIONS, 20 Oct — The push by the Palestinians for upgraded status at the United Nations is likely to succeed, the president of the UN General Assembly said on Friday, warning the United States against cutting UN funding over the issue.

In his first major interview since winning a divisive campaign for the largely ceremonial UN post in June, former Serbian Foreign Minister Vuk Jeremic also said he was seeking to improve coordination between the world body and the Group of 20, whose members are developed and developing nations.

Having failed last year to secure full UN membership due to US opposition, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said last month he would ask the 193-nation General Assembly to approve a less-ambitious promotion of the Palestinian Authority’s observer status to “non-member state,” like the Vatican.

It is currently considered an “entity.” Jeremic said Abbas is consulting with UN member states and is expected to call for a meeting on the Palestinian issue as early as next month, after the 6 November US presidential election.

“Most people expect that it is going to be the second half of November,” the 57-year-old former Serbian foreign minister told Reuters.

“If they decide to go for it after these consultations, which is what President Abbas announced in his speech in September, most people expect that this is going to pass,” Jeremic added.

Lebanon must stay united after blast: France

PARIS, 20 Oct — Lebanon’s political leaders must stay united and guard against attempts to destabilize the country, French President Francois Hollande said after a car bomb killed a senior intelligence officer in Beirut on Friday. He did not spell out who might be trying to undermine the country through the attack.

But France, the former colonial power in Lebanon, has repeatedly warned of the risk of the conflict in neighbouring Syria spilling over the border. The Beirut blast killed at least eight people, including intelligence official Wissam al-Hassan, who led the investigation on this undated picture that implicated Syria and Hezbollah in the assassination of former Lebanese prime minister Rafik al-Hari.

The head of state called on all Lebanese politicians to maintain unity in Lebanon and protect it from all destabilization efforts no matter where they come from, Hollande said in a statement. “Hassan was killed in this attack. He was a man dedicated to his country, its stability and independence... His death is a great loss,” Hollande said. Reuters

Bomb threat shuts down Texas A&M University

Texas A&M University, one of the biggest in the United States, was evacuated for several hours on Friday after school officials received a bomb threat, the latest such incident at a US university in recent weeks. The threat came in an anonymous email delivered shortly before noon, Texas A&M spokesman Jason Cook said. All classes were canceled.

The sprawling campus reopened five hours later except for buildings that had not yet been searched. High-traffic areas including residence halls, an arena and the football stadium were deemed safe, the university said. More than 50,000 students are enrolled at Texas A&M, which has a 5,000-acre (2,025 hectare) campus with hundreds of buildings in College Station, Texas, about 100 miles northwest of Houston.

Texas A&M plays

Lebanon

BEIRUT, 20 Oct — Former Lebanese Prime Minister Saad al-Hariri accused Syrian President Bashar al-Assad on Friday of being behind the huge car bomb which killed a senior Lebanese intelligence official in central Beirut. Asked by Lebanon’s Future Television who was responsible for the killing, Hariri replied: “Bashar Hafez al-Assad,” giving the full name of the Syrian president.

“Who killed Wissam al-Hassan is as clear as day. Certainly the Lebanese people will not be silent over this heinous crime and I, Saad Hariri, promise that I will not be silent,” he said Hariri’s father, Rafik al-Hariri, was killed seven years ago in a bombing which his supporters blamed on Damascus and its ally in Lebanon, Hezbollah.

Druze leader Walid Jumblatt said Hassan’s death made Lebanon less safe. “He was our protector. This is a harsh blow but we will not be scared and we should not accuse anyone inside Lebanon so we don’t give Bashar an excuse to seize the country.”

“There is an intelligence agency that is deeply rooted in Lebanon — the Syrian intelligence. There’s more than one Michel Samaha in the country,” Jumblatt told Lebanon television, referring to a pro-Assad Lebanese politician who was arrested in August over a suspected bomb plot linked to Damascus. Reuters

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Louisiana State University at home on Saturday and is holding a midnight campus-wide pep rally ahead of the football game. The university told essential personnel and those involved in Friday night activities to report to work as scheduled. The threat was the second delivered by email to a Texas college in the past two days. Three buildings at Texas State University in San Marcos, south of Austin, were evacuated on Thursday.

Malala Yousufzai, a 14-year-old schoolgirl, who was wounded in a gun attack, is seen in Swat Valley, northwest Pakistan, in this undated file photo. Reuters

US

UN condemns “terrorist” killing of Lebanese security official

UNITED NATIONS, 20 Oct — The UN Security Council condemned a bomb attack on Friday that killed senior Lebanese intelligence official Wissam al-Hassan, widely seen as a foe of Syria, and demanded an end to attempts to destabilize Lebanon through political assassinations.

“The members of the Security Council strongly condemned the terrorist attack on 19 Oct, 2012 in Beirut, which killed Brigadier General Wissam al-Hassan,” the 15-nation council said unanimously agreed upon statement.

“The members of the Security Council reiterated their unequivocal condemnation of any attempt to destabilize Lebanon through political assassinations and demanded an immediate end to the use of intimidation and violence against political figures,” it said. Reuters

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with some help with the first time this morning. She’s communicating very freely, writing,” he said. Rosser said, however, that the teenager was not able to speak because she had undergone a tracheostomy so she could breathe through a tube in her neck. The operation was performed because her airways had been swollen by the bullet. Yousufzai was shot as she left school in Swat, northwest of Islamabad. The Taleban said they attacked her because she spoke out against the group and praised
Russia may build rocket to destroy Earth-threatening asteroids

Mostov, 20 Oct—Russia could start building a space rocket capable of destroying asteroids threatening the Earth, chief of rocket and space corporation Energia said Friday.

“There are three large asteroids, including Apophis, whose orbits cross the Earth’s orbit and which could hit the Earth in the next several decades,” Vitaly Lopota told the state newspaper Rossiyskaya Gazeta.

To change the orbit of a small planet of Apophis size, a 70-ton rocket was needed to “tow” an asteroid away from Earth or to destroy it with a thermonuclear blast, Lopota said.

Apophis was discovered in 2004. It will approach the Earth dangerously close, at about 30,000 km, which is less than one-tenth of the Moon’s distance from Earth, in 2029.

Experts calculate impact of a collision between Apophis and the Earth will be equal to 1,700-Megaton explosion.

Lopota said existing Russian rocket carriers with RD-171 engines could be redesigned to produce a rocket capable of destroying an asteroid. Energia was ready to build such a rocket within three to five years.

Currently, RD-171 engines made by NPO Erugromash have been used to fire S-300 and S-400 missiles employed in the Russia-Ukraine-Norway-US joint project Sea Launch.

“We call them Tsar Engines, which no other country can produce,” Lopota said, referring to Russian artifacts, the Tsar Cannon and Tsar Bell, which were the world’s largest in their time.

The Soyuz TMA-15 spacecraft at the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.—Reuters

New report blames heat for ancient extinction

Wuhan, 20 Oct—Chinese, British and German scientists have discovered that the worst extinction of the Earth’s history happened because the planet was simply too hot to survive.

The discovery about the end-Permian mass extinction, which wiped out the world’s species 250 million years ago and was followed by a “dead zone” of five million years in which the planet welcomed no new species, came in a paper published on Friday in Science, one of world’s top scientific journals.

The joint study by the China University of Geosciences in Wuhan, capital of central China’s Hubei Province, the University of Leeds in Britain and the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg in Germany, shows the cause of the lengthy devastation was a temperature rise to lethal levels: around 50 to 60 degrees Celsius on land, and 40 degrees Celsius at the sea-surface.

“Global warming has long been linked to the end-Permian mass extinction, but this study is the first to show extreme temperatures kept life from re-starting in Equatorial latitudes for millions of years,” said the lead author, 27-year-old Yadong Sun, who is completing a joint PhD in geology with the China University of Geosciences and the University of Leeds.

According to Sun, this is also the first study to show water temperatures close to the ocean’s surface can reach 40 degrees Celsius, a near-lethal level at which marine life dies and photosynthesis stops. Climate modellers had assumed sea-surface temperatures cannot surpass 30 degrees Celsius.

“The findings may help us understand future climate change,” he said.

The dead zone was a strange world, very wet in the tropics but with almost nothing growing. No forests grew, only shrubs and ferns. No fish or marine reptiles were to be found in the tropics, only shellfish, and virtually no land animals existed because their high metabolic rate made it impossible for them to deal with the heat. Only the polar regions provided a refuge from the baking heat. Before this mass extinction, Earth teemed with plants and animals including primitive reptiles and amphibians, and a wide variety of sea creatures including coral and sea lilies.

“The broken world” scenario was caused by a break-down in global carbon cycling, according to report author Yan Chuanbo, a 28-year-old Ph.D. candidate of the China University of Geosciences. In normal circumstances, plants help regulate temperature by absorbing carbon dioxide and burying it as dead plant matter. Without plants, levels of carbon dioxide can rise unchecked, which causes temperatures to increase, Yan explained.

The study is the most detailed temperature record of this study period (252 to 247 million years ago) to date, said Li Xueying, a professor at the China University of Geosciences and one of the study’s co-authors.

Sun and his colleagues collected data from 150,000 ancient conodonts (tiny teeth of extinct eel-like fish) located in two tonnes of rocks from South China. By studying the ratio of oxygen isotopes in the conodonts, they were able to detect temperature levels hundreds of millions of years ago.

“Nobody has ever dared to say that past climates attained these levels of heat. Hopefully, future global warming won’t get anywhere near the temperatures of 250 million years ago, but if it does we have shown that it may take millions of years to recover,” said Paul Wignall, professor of the School of Earth and Environment at the University of Leeds and another of the study’s co-authors.—Reuters

Apple drops Java after experts warn Mac users on its security

Boston, 20 Oct—Apple Inc is removing old versions of Oracle Corp’s Java software from the computers of its customers when they install the latest update to its Mac operating system.

Apple, which has previously included Java with installations of Mac OS X, announced the move on its support site. It said that customers need to obtain Java directly from Oracle if they want to access web content written the widely used programming language. (http://support.apple.com/kb/ DL1572) Apple did not provide a reason for the change and both companies declined to comment.

Java is a computer language that enables programmers to write one set of code to run in virtually any type of machine. It is widely used on the Internet so that Web developers can make their sites accessible from multiple browsers running on Macs or Microsoft Windows PCs.

Two years ago both technology companies said they had agreed that Apple would one day stop providing Java software to Mac customers and that Oracle would take on that responsibility. They did not provide a date for that transition.

Apple is implementing that change in the wake of a Java security scare that prompted some security experts to caution computer users to only use Java on an as-needed basis.

Security experts in Europe discovered Java bugs in late August that hackers had exploited to launch attacks. It took Oracle several days to release an update to Java to correct those flaws.

Adam Gowdiak, a researcher with Polish security firm Security Explorations, said on Friday that he has since found two new security bugs in Java that continue to make computers vulnerable to attack.

Gowdiak said that removing Java from Mac browsers reduces the risks of an attack.—Reuters

Activation hopes new Skylanders game is a holiday hit

San Francisco, 20 Oct—Activation Blizzard is betting big on children’s fantasy adventure game “Skylanders” this holiday, with the launch of a new title on Sunday for more mobile versions of the console game. The franchise’s second offering, “Skylanders: Giants”, will hit stores in North America following the success of its predecessor “Skylanders: Spyro’s Adventure” whose US sales have exceeded 286 million game packs, toys and accessories since its 2011 release.

Activation, which is better known for hardcore games, is trying to stem the loss of subscribers from its bread-and-butter games like “World of Warcraft” and diversify revenue sources. Analysts say the “Skylanders” franchise can generate sales not just from games but also toys and licensed merchandise from apparel to bicycles.

“Skylanders” counts among 2012’s top-selling games, helped by a fairly novel concept. It is sold with physical toys that come to life on screen when they are connected to consoles such as Microsoft Corp’s XBox or Sony Corp’s PlayStation.

When figures — priced from $10 to $15 — are placed on a small electronic portal, a chip inside them interacts with the console and records
Canada beef plant samples test negative for E coli

Health

The recalled meat is under government control in various storage sites. The CFIA also said there is another 12 million pounds of beef from a variety of production dates in storage at XL facilities under government control. XL Foods’ options for that meat include rendering or cooking it before further testing, but the company has not told CFIA what it hopes to do.

“We will consider any plan that the company presents and we will assess it relative to the ability to provide assurance that product that is available to consumers is acceptable and the safety of consumers is protected,” Mayers said. BJS USA, a unit of Brazilian meat giant JBS SA, took over management of the plant this week and holds an option to buy the Canadian and U.S. operations of privately held XL Foods for $50 million in cash and $50 million in JBS SA shares. —Reuters

Extra multivitamin may prevent cancer in men. —Reuters

Firm dollar, weak Europe crimp US industries’ sales

New York, 20 Oct.—Four top US manufacturers, including General Electric Co (GE) and Honeywell International Corp (HON), reported weaker-than-expected sales on Friday, in a fresh warning to investors that demand around the world remains sluggish.

The ream of recent results sets the stage for an even heavier week of earnings reports next week, including those of global heavyweights such as Caterpillar Inc (CAT.N), Dupont Co (DD.N), 3M Co (MMM.N), Boeing Inc (BA.N), Eli Lilly & Co (LLY.N) and Procter & Gamble (PG.N). GE, Honeywell, Ingersoll Rand Plc (IR) and Parker Hanniﬁn Corp (PH) all took in less revenue than analysts had expected. GE, Honeywell, Ingersoll Rand Plc (IR) and Parker Hanniﬁn Corp (PH) all took in less revenue than analysts had expected.

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New York, 20 Oct.—Test samples from the XL Foods meat plant in Alberta have come back negative for E coli bacteria, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) said on Friday, moving closer to a decision on whether to reopen the plant, which the agency closed because some of the plant’s products were contaminated.

Inspection officials tested meat from 5,000 carcasses that were in the Brooks, Alberta, plant before CFIA shut it down. CFIA plans to finalize its recommendations on the plant’s re-opening over the weekend after further review of its bacterial controls. “We must remain focused on the need to protect consumers,” said Paul Cameron, senior vice president of programmes for CFIA. The plant has been closed since September 27 after producing beef contaminated with E. coli bacteria that sickened at least 16 people in Canada. E. coli bacteria can cause illness, or even death, and symptoms include severe stomach cramps, vomiting and diarrhea. Cooking meat to the correct internal temperature kills the bacteria.

Millions of pounds of beef products have been recalled across Canada and in most US states. The recalled beef will be thrown out, rendered or cooked and used in frozen foods or soups, said Harpreet Kochhar, executive director of Western Canadian Operations for CFIA. The reprocessed product will not re-enter the food supply unless it is re-tested and found safe, he said. Reprocessing the recalled products is a safety practice since the meat will be cooked, said Rick Holley, a microbiologist at the University of Manitoba.

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Kuwait: 20 Oct — Kuwaiti Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Salih had ordered partial changes to the Gulf Arab state’s electoral system to fix deficiencies ahead of expected elections.

The ruling is seen as a move to discourage prompting opposition threats to boycott the vote. Sheikh Sabah al-Salih, who had called for the vote, dissolved parliament last week to pave the way for new elections which many hoped would end a persistent political turmoil that had held up development projects in the major oil producer and US ally.

The opposition, which won a parliamentary majority in a February poll, had said it feared authorities would try to push through new voting rules that could disqualify opposition candidates. “I have directed the government to issue a draft law to make partial changes to the system, he said. He did not elaborate on what the proposed changes should be. Kuwait opposition politicians criticized the decision and said calls for boycotting the elections were growing.

“I believe there will be big reaction,” he added. Faisal al-Mislem, another former MP, said: “There is no need for issuing a decree and we refuse to participate in the elections.”

DHARI AL-RUJAIB, a youth activist, said there were calls being issued for protests against the emir’s decision. “The street is not happy with the decision,” he said. Kuwait oil wealth and a generous welfare state have helped it avoid the “Arab Spring” protests that forced out leaders elsewhere in the region. But there have been regular demonstrations in the country since last year, stemming from any between the government dominated by the ruling family and moderates and tribal lawmakers in parliament.

Tensions increased as Kuwaiti went about to fix a date for the election, which must be held within 60 days from the date of parliament’s dissolution. Kuwaiti authorities arrested two opposition politicians on Thursday and interrogated a third after they made comments seen as criticizing the emir.

The former members of parliament spoke at an opposition-led rally of about 5,000 people on Monday where Kuaitis later clashed with riot police close to parliament. The arrests have prompted protests in Kuwait, including one late on Friday, where some 1,000 people had gathered in the center of the capital to demand the release of the detainees. The events prompted the Al-Salih family to issue a rare statement on Thursday calling for obedience to the law and respect for the electorate. The former Kuwaiti ruler has ruled Kuwait for more than 250 years. The 83-year-old emir has led the country since 2006. — Reuters

Families of slain UK soldiers win right to sue government

LONDON: 20 Oct — Relatives of four British soldiers killed in the war in Iraq have won a legal right to sue the government for negligence, in a landmark appeal court ruling on Friday that could open the door for other claims.

Families of some of the soldiers who lost their lives in the 2003 US led invasion had said Britain sent them to the front line without adequate equipment.

Many of the early casualties were inflicted on troops travelling in lightly armoured Snatch Land Rover vehicles designed to confront rioters in Northern Ireland, but ineffective against insurgents’ roadside bombs in Iraq.

The court said the British defence ministry had a duty of care towards its employees, including soldiers on the battlefield, and had to provide them with the right gear. It dismissed the defence ministry’s so-called “combat immunity” argument that the government could not be held responsible for the decisions of commanders in the heat of battle.

“Many clients are very pleased with the verdict,” Shubhaa Srinivasan, a lawyer representing one of the families told Reuters. “Today’s ruling is not about second guessing the soldiers and decisions they make on the ground in the heat of battle... It’s all about whether you’re properly equipping troops to do what they’re meant to do on the battlefield,” she said.

The Appeals Court also upheld a June 2011 High Court ruling that said relatives of two soldiers did not claim for compensation on the grounds that the men’s human rights had been violated.

Susan Smith, the mother of Phillip Hewett who was killed in Iraq in 2005, said she was angered by that second ruling. — Reuters

UK

Kuwait

NEW YORK, 20 Oct— Detectives are looking at the possible role of the Manson Family in a dozen unsolved killings from four decades ago, and believe old audio tapes from a bankruptcy case hold a key to the cold cases, a police official said.

The so-called Manson Family cult, a collection of runaways and outcasts known for their high-profile spree of at least nine killings in 1969, was brought together by a charismatic ex-convict, Charles Manson.

The 12 unsolved killing cases police are looking into had “similar circumstances, the same time period” as those committed by Manson’s followers, Los Angeles police spokes- man Commander Andrew Smith said. “We think there’s a chance that they may be related to the Man- son Family,” he added.

In 1969, Manson be- came one of the 20th cen- tury’s most infamous U.S. criminals when he incited his mostly young, female followers to murder in what prosecutors said was part of a twisted plan to incite a race war between whites and blacks.

Among the victims was actress Sharon Tate, the pregnant wife of film- maker Roman Polanski, who was stabbed 16 times by members of the cult in the early morning hours of August 9, 1969. Manson, now 77, is serving a life sentence. If police can tie the Manson Family to any unsolved cases, it would confirm longstanding sus- picions that they committed a charac- ter killings.

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Rebuilt Natmin firefighting vessel in trial

YANGON, 20 Oct—Natmin firefighting vessel of Myanmar Port Authority rebuilt by Pyae Naing Thu Co with the modern technology took over 40 minutes trials facilitated with advanced technology. Hydrants can be used for short and long ranges. The vessel has capability to pull out the burning ships. The fire engine can put out the burning ships small and large with the use of water and foam.

After conducting tests for several times, our company will hand it over to Myanma Port Authority. The vessel will use water from the river in putting out the fire,” said manager-in-charge Ko Thant Tun of the company.

Natmin Vessel was damaged in Cyclone Nargis in 2008.—Myanma Alinn

Piy Ti Oo Education Foundation grants 14 awards

YANGON, 20 Oct—Stipends will be provided by Piy Ti Oo Education Foundation to 14 outstanding students who will attend the University of Medicine for 2012-2013 academic year, said Academ-y Piy Ti Oo.

“Our foundation plans to choose 10 scholarship winners this year. However, the number of winners is added with four more students due to donations of my colleague artistes.

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Vandalism

Vandalism is any deliberate damage done to someone else’s property. It is easy to dismiss it as a minor offence, but it has a big impact on neighbourhoods. Vandalism—spitting, betting, grafﬁtis in public areas, painting grafﬁti on someone else’s property. It is easy to dismiss acts of vandalism when acts of vandalism went too far, or got in terms of money but through danger to human lives when acts of vandalism went too far, or got out of control. So vandalism signiﬁcantly affects individuals and the community. Being spent annually on cleaning up and repairing the vandalized damage, money of taxpayers can not be spent on things that can beneﬁt the community.

Track and ﬁeld referee course concludes

YANGON, 20 Oct

With the aim of turning out outstanding athletes, coaches and referees, the coaching and referee courses are opened one after another. The track and ﬁeld referee course No. 2/2012, jointly conducted by Myanmar Track & Field Federation and Defence Services Track and Field Subcommission, concluded at Youth Training Centre, Thawwunna of Yangon Region on 15 October.

Director (Planning and Research) U Mya Than Htuk of Ministry of Sports, Chairman of Yangon Command Track and Field Subcommittee Commanding Ofﬁcer No. 1 Vehicle Store Depot Lt-Col Tin Myint Thein made speeches. Secretary of the subcommittee Major Kyaw Kyaw Oo explained the purpose of training. Lt-Col Tin Myint Thein presented prizes to the outstanding athletes. The training course lasted from 5 to 15 October.

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Farmland Law?

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Q: How this certiﬁcate could be applied for?

A: The certiﬁcate must be applied at ward/village-tract adminis-tration ofﬁce (ward/village-tract farmland management commit-tee) where the farmland exists.

Q: Who and how the certiﬁcate will be issued?

A: The certiﬁcate will be issued by township farmland management committee with the approbation of district committee.

Q: Which action will be taken against the false applicants?

A: Strict actions are prescribed in Sub-rule (c) of Rule 8 to take legal actions against false applicants.

Q: What are the rights of a farmland owner?

A: Where there is conﬁscation of farmland, the farmers have the legal community to seek for decision of the respective court.

Q: What are the most important facts in the Farmland Law?

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Q: How that affect the community.

A: It is very important to know about the ownership of alluvial lands. The township farmland management commit-tee will designate ownership of alluvial lands.

Q: Will there be a way to protect the genuineness of the public and the farmers be boosted?

A: To enforce a law, it is important that the public including the farmers understand it and stick to it. Until knowing violation of a law is not permissible. The rights granted by the law should not be signed away as well. Seminars and trainings will be conducted to help all the ofﬁcials who will enforce the laws and rules in practice digest the provisions. Multiplier courses will continue to be conducted at region/state and district/township levels. It is important that all the entire people including the peasants understand and abide by the Farmland Law that grants the rights including the ownership of farmlands from generation to generation.

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MPT focuses on public convenience

YANGON, 20 Oct—A plan is under way to reduce the price of SIM cards for public convenience, disclosed Principal (Planning) U Kyaw Soe of Telegraph and Postal Training Centre of Myan-ma Posts and Telegraphs.

“At present, Myanma Posts and Tele-communi-cations reduces the price of SIM cards for convenient use of public. There is better reduction of price. It is not true that if the designated number of SIM cards has been sold, the price would be reduced. There is no decision to reduce price of SIM cards when the designated number of SIM cards has been sold. But, I don’t know when the price will be reduced,” he said.

He explained, “It is a rumour among the people that action will be taken against those who apply Pifung, Viber and Skype phones through Internet, and lines of telephone will be cut off. Actually, no one gives such remarks.”
It is October in our land of Pagodas. October is the beginning of the open season. With the regular bachelor has left fishing for the week, we may get a glimpse of the tourist season. It is also the month of Thaingyut by Myanmar calendar auguring many significant activities. The four months of Buddhist Lent begin from Waso (July) to the end of the full moon day of Thaingyut (October) where venerable monks from the Order of the Sanghas after retreat in their respective monasteries are now free to move again. The rural population whose main occupation is agriculture now fold their farm implements and chat, awaiting the ripening of the golden paddy for harvest which is not long in coming.

At most important of all is the end of the long wait where the young can begin their marriage ceremonies again. After a long spell of vacation, Cupid the spirited again. After a long spell of

There are a variety of marriage ceremonies that
are being conducted in a more orderly and intimate atmosphere. It was ten in the morning. The guests were almost full and the ceremony was to start in 45 minutes. The recorded music droned tediously. Time for nuptial appearance was imminent and a few ceremonies he had to conduct.

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Today a team of entrepreneurs with a spirit for adventure and love for nature has decided to invest in the area and return it to its former glory. The team from Orchid Hotel and Natural Tours & Travel have some of the best minds in architecture and eco-design with the hell of enthusiastic and talented young locals are now working hand in hand to create a natural eco-tourism haven. And there is a lot to be excited about. Along the shores of Letkokkon, there is a variety of colourful plants. It’s mangrove lined coast is also teeming with fresh fish and prawns. There is also an intriguing island, just a stone throw away from the shore line.

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Visitors will have plenty to do including fishing in the rich mangroves, tracking or biking along the island in front or going for a stroll in the beautiful village full of warm and friendly locals who are also willing to help. I thoroughly enjoyed lying on the shore and watching the sunset and sunrise. Somehow the combination of the muddy river water mixing with the seawater is especially at sunset is a sight to behold. Although the resort will have to be built from scratch, I was told that the local people’s policy of ensuring the development of the local community

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US military vows new measures in Okinawa after suspected rape

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct — The US military said on Thursday it would soon announce new measures to “ensure responsible behaviour” by American troops on Japan’s southern island of Okinawa, after the suspected rape of a Japanese woman threatened to strain ties between the allies. The incident, which led to the arrests on Tuesday of two US servicemen, has thrown new scrutiny on the behaviour of the large contingent of American military troops on the island, located in the East China Sea close to mainland China.

Okinawa, occupied by the United States from 1945 to 1972, accounts for less than 1 percent of Japan’s total land but hosts three-quarters of the US military facilities in the country in terms of land area. It also plays host to more than half of the 47,000 American troops stationed in Japan. After the arrests, Japanese Defence Minister Shōichi Mōriomoto vowed to press the United States for measures for stricter discipline. Okinawa Governor Hirokazuki Nakaima described the incident as “madness.”

Pentagon spokesman George Little said the US military was working closely with Japanese authorities investigating the incident and added in a statement, “We deeply regret any grief and trauma the victims may have endured.” We are also examining and will soon announce a package of measures to ensure responsible behaviour and to demonstrate our commitment to maintaining positive relationships with the local communities that host our forces,” Little said. The Pentagon declined to elaborate on the measures being developed.

Friction over US-based Okinawa intensified after the 1995 gang rape of a 12-year-old Japanese schoolgirl by three US servicemen. The case sparked widespread protests by Okinawans, who had long resented the American presence due to “crime, noise and deadly accidents. Outrage over the latest case of suspected rape comes at a time when public opinion in Okinawa is at odds with Tokyo for allowing the US deployment of Osprey hybrid aircraft on the island despite lingering Japanese concerns about their safety.”

Newsweek magazine to end print edition, go all-digital

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct — Newsweek, the New York-based and internationally distributed news magazine, announced on Thursday it would end its print publication and transition to an all-digital format early 2013. Tina Brown, the editor-in-chief and Baba Shetty, the CEO of the Daily Beast and Newsweek, made the announcement through a blog post on the website The Daily Beast, which merged with the Newsweek in 2010. The last print edition in the United States will be the 31 December issue, right before the well-known magazine turns 80 years old.

“Single, worldwide edition targeted for a highly mobile, opinion-leading audience who want to learn about world events,” Brown said. “We are transitioning Newsweek, not saying goodbye to it,” wrote Brown, stressing the decision was not about the quality of the brand, but about “the challenging economics of print publishing and distribution.”

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London sanitation show aims to make “poo” hot topic

LONDON, 20 Oct — Human defecation remains a taboo subject, despite the fact that 2.5 billion people lack toilets, causing a global health crisis that kills more than a million children each year. The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) hopes a new exhibition opening on Thursday will make sanitation easier to discuss. The show is part of its efforts to help fight diseases causing diarrhoea, which kill more children than malaria, HIV/AIDS and measles combined.

People don’t talk about poo enough, and if we don’t talk about poo, how are we going to solve the problem of diarrhoeal diseases?” asked Val Curtis, director of the LSHTM’s Hygiene Centre. “We want to make shit sexy — make talking about shit possible.” Curtis told AlertNet, a humanitarian news service run by the Thomson Reuters Foundation, adding that proper handwashing with soap could prevent 600,000 deaths a year from diseases like diarrhoea and respiratory infections. “You’ve got to know your enemy and look your enemy in the face. Some people say it’s not acceptable for academics to go around talking about shit, but it’s not acceptable for 600,000 children to be dying unnecessarily because we don’t talk about shit,” she said. The month-long exhibition, which includes a selection of toilet designs, scientific tools for the study of faeces and a small golden poo sculpture seated on a red cushion, is timed to coincide with the Global Handwashing Day on 15 October and World Toilet Day on 19 November. The school expects at least 4,000 people to see the show.

The poo sculpture is the model for The Golden Poo Award 2012 — the Oscar of the sanitation sector, organized by PooP Creative Ltd and the London Short Film Festival. A film titled “Men, Loos and Number Twos” won the “Number One Award”, and another short film, “Pushing-Change”, won the “Number Two Award”.

Cortis Costa Rica’s San Jose airport reopens after plane runway skid

SAN JOSÉ, 20 Oct — Costa Rica’s main international airport reopened on Thursday after shutting down for two hours when the tires of a plane burst upon landing, sending it skidding along the runway.

The capital’s Juan Santamaría International Airport, the biggest passenger hub for the popular tourist destination, resumed operations shortly after the plane was removed from the runway at about 6 pm local time, said Maria Amalia Revelo, commercial director for the company that manages the airport.

A plane, a Taca Airlines Airbus A321, carried 146 passengers and none were injured, said national fire chief Hector Chaves. The flight originated in Mexico and was heading to El Salvador. The airport closure was ordered after the plane skidded to a halt and blocked a runway.

Authorities said an investigation into the cause of the incident was under way. Rain fell all afternoon at the airport. As a result of the closure, 11 Taca flights were rerouted to airports in Panama, El Salvador and Guatemala. In 2011, the airport handled 3.2 million passengers, making it Central America’s third busiest, said Revelo.

Gunman commits suicide after killing three at Florida beauty salon

Casselberry, Florida, 20 Oct — A gunman opened fire at a central Florida beauty salon on Thursday, killing three women and wounding another before fleeing and committing suicide at a nearby house, police said.

The gunman walked into the salon and shot four women, then wounded four more at a local hospital, Casselberry Police spokeswoman Sara Brady said. Police identified the shooter as 36-year-old Bradford Baumet, who was served on 9 October with a domestic violence injunction and was scheduled to appear in court on Thursday.

The woman who obtained the restraining order was Marcia Santiago, the wounded stylist, Brady said. It was not immediately clear what the relationship between Baumet and Santiago was, she said. Police said at least eight people were inside the salon at the time of the shooting. Two people ran safely out the front door. One woman escaped by hiding in a bathroom and another ran out the back door, Brady said.

Two distraught women standing outside the beauty salon who described themselves as relatives of the shooter said the gunman was mentally unstable, according to a video posted on the website of the Orlando Sentinel. The women said they had recently urged Santiago to take out a restraining order against him.

“My cousin has been having problems. He’s mentally not there,” the unidentified woman said on the video.

A customer views a mobile phone with the new Windows 7 operating system after its arrival in British shops, in central London on 21 October. Reuters

An ornamental hen gave birth to an egg that is 2 centimeters long on 15 Oct, 2012.
**Chinese artworks on display in Japan’s Nagasaki**

**Culture**

Osaka, 20 Oct — An exhibition featuring artworks from China’s Fujian Museum is being held at a museum in Nagasaki City, southwestern Japan, Kyodo News reported on Friday.

Artworks on display at the Nagasaki Museum of History and Culture include a Fujian-made bowl that was imported to Japan and a statue of a Chinese goddess of the sea. Fujian and Nagasaki have a long history of exchanges. Ties between the two dated back to ancient times when Japan sent its emissaries to China in the days of the Tang dynasty to learn about advanced Chinese technology and scholarship, the report said.

The art show, which will run through 30 November, is being held at a time when relations between China and Japan remain strained following the Japanese government’s illegal buying of China’s Diaoyu Island and its affiliated islands in the East China Sea.

“We want visitors to learn that the two countries’ cultures have been enriched through bilateral exchanges, particularly at a time like this when Japan-China relations are on the rocks,” the report quoted Koichiro Fukase, a senior researcher at the Nagasaki museum, as saying.

**Crime**

**Six men stabbed at Hakata train station in Fukuoka Pref, suspect held**

FUKUOKA, 20 Oct — Six men were stabbed at JR Hakata Station in Fukuoka city early Saturday morning, with five of them taken to hospital with injuries that did not appear to be life-threatening, firefighters said.

Fukuoka prefectural police said they arrested the man who they believe to be the assailant, Kimiitaka Nakano, 26, who is from the city. He is suspected of injuring a passerby with a kitchen knife with a 17-centimetre blade and violating the Swords and Firearms Control Law.

The police believe Nakano, who described himself as unemployed, did not know any of the victims. They quoted the man as saying he “wanted to stab people.”

**Russia to launch five communication satellites next year**

MOSCOW, 20 Oct — Russia is set to launch five communication satellites in 2013, their producer’s chief designer said on Friday. “The first in line is Express-AM5. We will be ready to launch it in the second quarter of 2013,” Nikolai Testoyedov, head of the Informational Satellite Systems company, told the Interfax news agency.

Express-AM5 will carry a Canadian-made telecommunications device, said Testoyedov, whose company is based in Krasnoyarsk region in Siberia.

The Express-AM6 satellites will also be ready at that time, he said, adding that financing for the launches has been arriving as scheduled.

Express-AM5 and Express-AM6 are designed for providing Russian territory with digital radio and TV broadcasting as well as for the government’s communications needs.

**Russia tests Topol intercontinental missile**

MOSCOW, 20 Oct — Russian Strategic and Space Forces successfully tested an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) Topol, Russian Defence Ministry said on Friday. “The aims of the test were to confirm stability of the basic technical parameters of the missiles of that class and to estimate possibility of their service life extension to 25 years,” the ministry’s spokesman Vadim Komarov told local media.

The service life of Topol was initially 10 years, later it was extended to 15 years. The Kremlin ordered to keep these missiles on active service for 25 years. This allows Russian armed forces to replace the aging missiles with the new generation’s Yars gradually with little additional funding. Topol RS-12M (SS-25 “Sickle” by NATO classification) was launched from Plesetsk space centre in northern Russia.

The missile’s warhead hit the target on Kamchatka Peninsula in the Far East. Topol ICBM is the principal 3-stage missile mobile system of the Russian Strategic Forces with the range over 10,000 km. Russia by the end of 2010 had over 170 missiles of this type on duty.

Now they are expected to stay on service until 2019, according to the Commander of the Strategic Forces Col Gen Sergei Karakayev.

**Cold front to drop temperatures in north China**

BEIJING, 20 Oct — China’s meteorological authorities on Saturday forecast strong winds and temperature drops in most regions in the north due to a sweeping cold front.

On Saturday and Sunday, some areas in southern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, north China as well as regions along the Yellow and Huai rivers will experience temperature drops of 6 to 8 degrees Celsius, the National Meteorological Centre (NMC) said on its website.

**Two people die in fighting between rival rebel groups in S Philippines**

MANILA, 20 Oct — At least two people died in a recent clash between the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and its breakaway group Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Movement (BIFM) in a remote area in Southern Philippines, military said on Saturday.

Major General Rey Ardo, commander of the Army’s 6th Infantry Division, said the fighting erupted in Mamasapano town, Maguindanao Province on last Thursday, several days after the MILF signed a framework agreement with the government.

However, Ardo sought to downplay the fighting, saying it was merely caused by a long-standing clan war between some members of the two sides. “Those groups have standing clan war… they are into conflict long before,” said Ardo, adding that the fighting has nothing to do with the framework agreement signed last Monday. “We are monitoring the situation in case it (conflict) would escalate and cause more evacuation,” he added.

MILF, the country’s largest rebel group which has been pushing for an independent Islamic state in Mindanao, signed a peace framework agreement with the Philippine government on 15 October. BIFM, which belonged to MILF, broke away from the group in 2010.

**An e-tricycle is charged in metropolitan Manila in September 2012. The Asian Development Bank is providing a $300 million loan to the Philippine government for the delivery of 100,000 e-tricycles by 2016, aimed at reducing greenhouse gases, boosting drivers’ income and stimulating local production of e-vehicle motors. KYODO NEWS**

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British engineers create petrol from air and water

LONDON, 20 Oct — A small British company has developed a way to create petrol from air and water technology it hopes may one day contribute to large-scale production of green fuels. Engineers at Air Fuel Synthesis (AFS) in Teeside, northern England, say they have produced 5 litres of synthetic petrol over a period of three months.

The technique involves extracting carbon dioxide from air and hydrogen from water, and combining them in a reactor with a catalyst to make methanol.

The methanol is then converted into petrol. By using renewable energy to power the process, it is possible to create carbon-neutral fuel that can be used in an identical way to standard petrol, scientists behind the project said.

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Taylor Swift paints love “Red” in new albums

New York, 20 Oct—Country-pop star Taylor Swift has won over a legion of devoted fans in the past six years with her topselling songbooks and Down Home Sweet Home lyrics of romance and heartbreak.

Now, at the grand age of 22, the five-time Grammy winner is says her new record "Red,” to be released on Monday, "the most adventurous album I've ever made." "'Red' is really kind of dream diary entries of the last two years of my life," Swift told Reuters in a telephonic interview.

"There were beginnings and ends and there were ups and downs, and lessons that I learned and then had to learn all over again the exact same way... the ups and downs of the whole experience of falling in love and being let down and letting go and starting all over," she said.

"And being let down and starting all over again the exact same way then had to learn all over again the lessons that I learned and that 90 percent of what I say in my songs is true," said Swift, who is currently dating Conor Kennedy Jr., 18, the son of Robert Kennedy Jr. "The one thing I hope to keep the pressure for "Night Train" to keep up the pace of his rising star. It helped Aldean secure what will be his fourth studio album "My Kinda Party" in 2011, which became the biggest-selling country album of the year and also hit the top five all-genre ratings alongside Adele, Lady Gaga and Mumford & Sons.

For his fifth album “Night Train,” released this week, Aldean told Reuters in an interview he was aware of high expectations surrounding the follow-up record. "I tried not to add any more pressure to myself," Aldean said. "I feel like what's put up in this position is me doing the things I always have - trusting my instinct to find the best songs." Aldean said the album’s title track “Night Train” was a perfect description of his career right now. "The train is moving, and it's moving at a rapid pace."

The new album has so far been well

Justin Timberlake, Jessica Biel marry in Italy

New York, 20 Oct—Hollywood couple Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel have married in southern Italy, People magazine said on Friday.

"It's great to be married, the ceremony was beautiful and it was so special to be surrounded by our family and friends," the couple told the US celebrity magazine in an exclusive statement. People said it would carry full details of the wedding, including exclusive photos, in next week’s edition.

"Sexy Back" singer and actor Timberlake, 31, and “Total Recall” actress Biel, 30, have been dating since 2007. They announced their engagement at the beginning of 2012, and carefully shielded the details of their nuptials from the public.

The pair have been in southern Italy for much of the week. partying with friends and wedding guests on a beach before exchanging vows. It was not immediately clear on which day the ceremony took place. Timberlake has previously had high-profile relationships with pop singer Britney Spears and actress Cameron Diaz.

"I love, Swift said. "People just make the music that I love, Swift said. "People are set to perform at the 2012 American Music Awards, which were announced Thursday.

Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel

Said, 30, have been dating and actor Timberlake, 31, since 2007. They announced the details of their nuptials to People magazine in an exclusive edition.
New Jersey race to be postponed

Organizers said they couldn’t get everything ready in time, added the 81-year-old. “That’s the bottom line.”

Organizers said they were too busy to prepare, race organizers said on Friday.

“They’ve run out of time,” Formula One supremo Bernie Ecclestone told reporters. “There’s all sorts of things...and they didn’t quite think it all through. They’ve had a wake-up call but the wake-up call came too late.”

Ecclestone had raised doubts about the Jersey race in September when he said organizers had not complied with the terms and conditions of the contract, which he added had subsequently lapsed.

Organizers issued a statement on Friday saying construction issues included needing additional time for the development of facilities along the Hudson Riverfront and for finishing the second pits and paddock garage on the site. “We are going to be racing at Port Imperial, unfortunately just not as soon as we hoped and expected,” said promoter Leo Hindery, Jr. “We remain 100 percent committed to the Grand Prix of America at Port Imperial.”

The New Jersey race would have given the United States a second round of the championship after this season’s inaugural grand prix at the new Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, next month.

Formula One has not raced in the United States since 2007, when the U.S. Grand Prix was held at Indianapolis, but teams are eager to return to a country that is a key market for sponsors and car manufacturers but one that the sport has found hard to crack over the years.

When the 10-year-deal for New Jersey was agreed a year ago, state governor Chris Christie said the three-day race weekend was likely to attract upwards of 100,000 people a day with a significant economic impact.

Hart resigns as Canada coach following World Cup exit

OTTAWA, 20 Oct—Canada coach Stephen Hart has resigned as the head coach of Canada Soccer Association on Thursday.

Victor Montagliani, president and CEO of the CSA, confirmed that Hart had quit.

Canada, who needed a tidy win or to advance to next week’s six-nation finals in North and Central America and the Caribbean, lost 8-1 to Honduras on Thursday.

The seven-goal loss was its largest margin since an 8-0 defeat at Mexico in 1993.

Hart, who had an interim stint in 2006-07 and was hired in December 2009, managed Canada to a 20-15-10 record.

Former Fenerbahçe playmaker Alex signs two-year deal with Coritiba

RIO DE JANEIRO, 20 Oct—Brazilian top-flight club Coritiba has confirmed the signing of former Fenerbahce playmaker Alex on a two-year contract.

The 35-year-old was officially presented to the club’s fans on Thursday afternoon, just hours after the club announced his arrival on a free transfer from the Turkish club. “I always said that I would come back one day,” the player said, who began his professional career with Coritiba in 1995. “In my opinion Coritiba is not far from the top teams in the competition. In terms of administration, it is very well run. I am proud to be a part of this club.”

100 After leaving Coritiba in 1997, Alex moved to Palmeiras before stints at Flamengo, Cruzeiro and Italy’s Parma.

Furyk and Love lead at Sea Island

Atwal grabs lead at Sea Island, Furyk and Love one back

Washington, 20 Oct—Indra’s Arjun Atwal carded eight birdies and an eagle on the way to a two-under-par 70 and a share of fourth place at the St Jude Classic at Sea Island in Georgia.

Atwal has not won anything since his maiden PGA Tour win in 2010 and his best finish this year is a share of 19th place at the St Jude Classic in June but the 39-year-old was sublime en route to a seven-under-par 63 on the Sea Island Course.

It moved Atwal, who had made just 11 cuts in 25 starts this year, to a 10-under-par total 130, one shot clear of host and 2012 Ryder Cup captain Love (66) and veteran

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紧张局势

在车展上，兰博基尼和法拉利等顶级品牌的汽车占据了中心位置。两辆车都展示了其尖端的技术和设计，吸引了众多参观者的目光。

兰博基尼的首款电动模型不仅标志着汽车行业的转型，也预示着未来交通的新时代。这款车型的设计融合了传统和现代元素，展示了对可持续发展承诺的承诺。

法拉利则展示了其在赛车领域的创新精神，其最新的赛车不仅在速度上领先，也在可持续性方面取得了进展。法拉利通过使用新型材料和技术，降低了对其车型的环境影响。

虽然两国汽车制造商都强调了可持续发展的重要性，但市场仍然关注传统的内燃机车型。这表明，尽管在环保方面取得了进步，但汽车行业仍然需要平衡客户需求与环境保护之间的关系。
Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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2:55 pm
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5:30 pm
16. Sing & Enjoy
6:20 pm
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6:40 pm
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7:00 pm
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8:00 pm
20. News
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Word!

English is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world only after Chinese and Spanish and second only to French in number of secondary speakers. Nothing is a sin to English if we can convey a straight message. You would probably found it hard to explore some operative words in media out of our fellow English speakers’ mouths.

“Breathing space”

Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras

The Greek Premier recently demanded a “breathing space” as his country has been exhausting in breathless austerity measures, sending a message to eurozone leaders asking for a two-year extension of the country’s implementation of economic reforms. Eurozone leaders including German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande are still pushing Greece to fulfill its economic reforms, sending a message to eurozone leaders to assure its future in the eurozone.

“I’m going to answer all the questions inside the ring.”

Middleweight champion Arthur Abraham

Abraham, 32, has taken over the world middleweight belt again from Stieglitz after a successful title challenging campaign in Germany as the defending champion failed to survive the seventh challenge.

Speaking to the media before the showdown, Abraham said he would prove a point at the bout and grabbed his last chance with both hands just ahead of his retirement. His powerful fists really did the talking in the ring. Hear?

“If you don’t feel a hundred percent, you can’t compete at a hundred percent.”

Danish tennis player Caroline Wozniacki

The former world No. 1 left court empty, dropping the title on Friday, saying she could not launch her all-out strikes. The injury also forced her into a frustrating loss at the first round of the prestigious US Open.

Accident

Pileup triggers fires in north China; casualties unknown

Shijiazhuang, 20 Oct — About 30 vehicles piled up one upon another due to heavy fog on an expressway in north China’s Hebei Province on Saturday morning, triggering fires among many of them, local authorities said. But casualties are not immediately known.

A rescue operation has been launched, the spokesman said. The accident also triggered serious traffic jams on the expressway and a nearby highway, he added.

MOSCOW, 20 Oct — The Russian helicopter in Afghanistan landed safely after being attacked.

According to the ministry, the helicopter with seven passengers onboard was on its way from the eastern Afghan city of Jalal- abad to Gardez. All passengers were the servicemen of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF). There were also 300 kg of cargo onboard.

The Russian three-man crew of the helicopter changed its route and landed in Kabul airport after the incident. After landing from a 900-meter altitude, the crew found four bullet holes in the helicopter’s hull. Russia supports ISAF operations and has offered a base in the city of Ulyanovsk for transit of ISAF consignment being withdrawn from Afghanistan.

Earthquake

A magnitude 5.2 earthquake jolted south of the Fiji Islands at 12:17:02 GMT on Friday, US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 14.00 km, was initially determined to be at 21.0902 degrees south latitude and 176.4360 degrees east longitude.

Ogjem stops short of energy tariff ruling

London, 20 Oct — Energy regulator Ofgem stopped short of endorsing Prime Minister David Cameron’s pledge to force suppliers to give their cheapest tariff to consumers, in measures to simplify domestic gas and electricity bills on Friday.

The Ofgem proposals follow a review of the household energy market that identified tariff complexity, poor supplier behaviour and a lack of transparency and competition in a market dominated by six gas and electricity utilities.

Cameron took the sector by surprise on Wednesday when he said that Britain would introduce laws to make energy suppliers give customers the lowest tariffs available notwithstanding rising consumer bills. Energy Minister John Hayes later backed tracked on Cameron’s pledge and said the government was only considering introducing such a law. Ofgem’s decision to omit such measures likely reflects the risks and difficulties of implementation.

The prime minister’s announcement raised fears that it would actually disadvantage consumers as suppliers would react by simply withdrawing the market’s tariffs from the market.

The proposals would also force suppliers to print their cheapest tariff on consumer’s bills, ensure fair treatment under threat of fines and the regulator would take steps to promote collective switching.

The chairman of the energy and climate change select committee, Tim Yeo, warned that investors may take their money elsewhere if last-minute attempts to write Cameron’s pledge into a forthcoming Energy Bill delay its November publication date.

Lit hobs glow from an electric cooker in Edinburgh, Scotland on 14 Oct, 2008. —Reuters

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Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw arrives back

YANGON, 20 Oct—A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyin arrived back here by air this evening after paying a goodwill visit to Germany.

The delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Tin Aung and officials.

The Deputy Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was accompanied by Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Government’s Guarantee, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting U Win Sein, member of Pyithu Hluttaw Citizens’ Fundamental Rights, Democracy and Human Rights Committee U Tin Maung Win, member of Pyithu Hluttaw Banks and Monetary Affairs Development Committee U Win Myint, member of Pyithu Hluttaw Transportation Development Committee U Myo SWE, member of Pyithu Hluttaw Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Development Committee U Aung Thant, member Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Kyaw Kyaw, member of Amyotha Hluttaw National Planning Committee U Sai Thant and member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Aung Kyi Nyunt.

Japanese Government grants US$ 76590 for rehabilitation centre at EYGH

YANGON, 20 Oct—According to the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects, Japanese Government granted US$ 76590 for a humanitarian programme entitled “the Project for Construction of Rehabilitation Centre in East Yangon General Hospital”. The opening and handing over ceremony of Rehabilitation Centre was held on 18 October.

This assistance is expected to benefit the people of Myanmar by improving the quality of rehabilitation services, and further strengthening existing friendly relations between Japan and Myanmar. Reconstruction Centre of the hospital located in Botataung Township was built in 1978. It provides treatment to about 900 patients monthly. The centre possesses much useful equipment, but most equipment cannot be put into good use due to lack of space. In order to grade the quality of rehabilitation services at the hospital, the Japanese government has provided funding through its GGP scheme for the construction of a new rehabilitation centre for treatment and exercise therapy.

Thura U Shwe Mann holds talks with Blair on bilateral ties

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct—Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received former Prime Minister of Britain Mr. Tony Blair at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 4.30 pm today.

Also present at the call together with the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw were Chairmen of the Pyithu Hluttaw Committees U Soe Tha, U Maung Maung Thein, U Thein Zaw, U Thein SWE, U Hla Myint Oo and U T Khun Myat, and officials.

The former British Prime Minister was accompanied by British Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Andrew Heyn. At the call, they discussed cooperation in bilateral ties and Hluttaw affairs in a cordial manner.—MNA

Korean overseas volunteers reach out rural areas

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Korean volunteers in Myanmar dress pose for photo during World Friends Korea Conference for Representatives of Host Organization 2012—NLM

NME officials come back from Malaysia

YANGON, 20 Oct—A delegation led by Vice-President of Myanmar Equestrian Federation (MEF) U Nyan Lin and executive members Dr Hsan Tun Oo, Dr Than Nang and Daw Aye Thet Tar, arrived back here yesterday evening after attending the FEI Endurance Meeting in Korea H.E. Mr Kim Kyung-Ho.

The delegation also conducted the FEI En-durance Championship here, on 29 October.

It is learnt that Indian businessmen at the UMFCCI will take part in the Buyer-Seller Meet for 13-member Indian business delegation led by Mr. G.L Goenka of Indo Myanmar Chamber of Commerce.

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Buyer-Seller Meet on 29 October

NAI PYI TAW, 20 Oct—The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will organize a Buyer-Seller Meet for Myanmar and Indian businessmen at the UMFCCI building, here, on 29 October (Monday).

It is learnt that Indian businessmen are interested in doing businesses with Myanmar entrepreneurs on mutual basis in the areas of art and handicraft, tourism, industry, environmental conservation, timber, agriculture, pulses and beans, mineral, garment, chemical industry, pharmaceutical industry, farm equipment, plate print, and fuel. A 13-member Indian business delegation led by Mr. G.L Goenka of Indo Myanmar Chamber of Commerce in Mumbai will take part in the meeting.

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World Friends Korea’s overseas volunteer program for Myanmar started in 1998, and so far around 120 Korean volunteers have already contributed their expertise to the Myanmar people. Under the program, around 9600 volunteers had been sent to 69 nations, and about 1500 volunteers are currently providing voluntary services to the people in all corners of the world. Under the program, volunteers are given positions where they can best use their expertise. The areas include education, health, rural development, information and communication technology and sports.

This year, over 4,300 Korean nationals will be sent to partner countries to become “friends for those in need” across the globe and realize a vision of all mankind’s prosperity through sharing and enhanced mutual understanding.

During the conference, the Korean nationals who are currently volunteering in Myanmar shared their volunteer experience in Myanmar.—NLM