**Human rights weighs more than nationalistic fervor**

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emphasis on the role of media, the fourth estate, for providing people with information they should be known through media, and taking care of constructive suggestions given by the media.

A friendly domestic press conference was arranged as it has been a long time to meet local media, but the President often met foreign media during his foreign visits. The President patiently answered the queries raised by local media during the period of more than two hours. The press meets were attended by 117 local media men and local-based foreign correspondents. The following are excerpts of questions and answers.

Regarding the question about planning raised by 7Day News Journal, the President replied that former government performed its activities in the interest of the country. There was an Ayeyawady river crossing bridge called Inwa Bridge during the colonial period of more than one hundred years. A total of 14 Ayeyawady river crossing bridges were built in the time of Tatmadaw government. With the emergence of bridges for ensuring smooth transport, the country has seen development. Projects which are going to be implemented in the time of new government would be transparent. In implementing the projects, plans were laid down first and budget allotment was decided by Hluttaw after conducting check on the projects. Nonetheless, his government was performing its duties transparently, he added. As regards question of Reuters about the next term, the President said he made up his mind till now to serve as the President for only one term. He said in his foreign tour he made clear that he would serve only for the first term, and only the condition of the country and the desire of the people could overturn his decision. He reiterated the same answer.

Regarding the question about ongoing war in Kachin State raised by 7Day News Journal, the President said the country home to more than 100 national races has problems to a certain extent. Armed conflicts starting from the post-independence period were prevailing in the country. So it is difficult to shape the nation into a developed one. The nearly 60 years of armed conflicts was the oldest ongoing war in the world.

The government has been engaging in three-phase peace-building to bring an end to those armed conflicts. Three-point policies was adopted—the first stage is bringing armed conflicts in border regions to an end, the second is the actions of Peace-making Central Committee led by President himself as the chairman, and the third is to put forward the case to Hluttaw for political debate there. The loss of a KIA member due to armed conflict is the loss of the nation and so is the loss of a Tatmadaw, stressed the President who expressed his sympathy for displaced national people who have to seek shelters leaving works and properties as the consequence of armed conflicts. Therefore, Kachin State, said the President, would become peaceful and stable.

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**Findings and comments of the Joint Bill Committee on Foreign Investment**

**Bill read out**

Nay Pyi Taw, 22 Oct — The first day of the fifth regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10:10 am today, with attendance of Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 584 MPs, together with a 65-member observer group of Kokang Self-Administered Zone.

At the meeting, the Hluttaw recorded the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker’s explanations on attending to Asia-Europe parliamentary Partnership Meeting in which Myanmar gained acceptance as a permanent member, visiting Australia, the People’s Republic of China, Indonesia, and on being present at the 33rd ASEAN Parliamentary Conferences.

Likewise, the messages sent by the President was submitted to the Hluttaw and recorded it. The message included withdrawal of the message submitted to the 10th day of the fourth regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, attendance of the 9th China-ASEAN Expo, reshuffle of regional cabinet of Ayeyawady Region government, appointment of minister for planning and economic of Shan State, attendance to the 67th UN General Assembly and paying a goodwill visit to the ROK. The Hluttaw recorded the reports on re-demarcation of rural areas in the townships of Shwebo District in Sagaing Region.

It was also known that extension of MyintHla Village-tract in Kyunghlat Township, reformation Thayetwa Village of NaungU Village-tract into Taunyaseik Village-tract, removing Sarykin Village of Ywathit Village-tract at vacant and virgin land area, and adding Chaungmagyi Village into Pazikyi Village-tract of Kanbalu Township.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Zin Yow read out a report on establishment of diplomatic ties with the Republic of Iceland, submitted by the President.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker clarified matters related to Foreign Investment Bill with the comments of the President. Joint Committee Chairman U Mya Nyine read out the findings and comments of the Joint Bill Committee.

The meeting came to an end at 10:55 am today, and date and time for the second day’s meeting will be announced.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets committee chairs, legal affairs and special cases assessment commission members

WORKSHOP ON MYANMAR MIGRANT WORKERS HELD

YANGON, 22 Oct—The workshop on migrant workers for sending Myanmar migrant workers abroad, sending categories, money rates and rights protection for Myanmar migrant workers was held at University Diamond Jubilee Hall here this morning, with an opening speech by Union Minister for Labour U Maung Myint.

The formation of local and foreign job licensed agencies, elimination of agents, sending countries and job categories, employees’ making insurance at Myanmar Insurance, data complement at the agreement between employees and employers, worker’s rights protection, money sending to the families through Banking system, regarding service fee and medical checkup at designated clinics were discussed at the workshop.

POSSIBLE COOPERATION WITH EU, GLOBAL COMMUNITY EXPLORED

YANGON, 22 Oct—Workshop on “Myanmar-EU Relations: Working Together” appraised future political and economic cooperation opportunities with the European Union and the international community forming a new partnership at Sedona Hotel in Yangon this morning.

Issues ranging from the Generalized Systems of Preferences (GSP) to market access to EU that will be realized with the new cooperative Myanmar-EU relations as well as conditions that the Myanmar side will have to fulfill were tabled.

The workshop was jointly conducted by Myanmar Strategic and International Studies (MISIS) under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the German Foundation Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and opened with an address by Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Thant Kyaw.

AMBASSADOR APPOINTMENT AGREED ON

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr. Mikio Numata as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr. Mikio Numata was born on 9th March 1950. He graduated from Takushoku University in March, 1974. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in January, 1974 and served as various capacities at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and at the Consulate-General of Japan in Hong Kong and New York. He also served as Deputy Assistant Vice-Minister for Parliamentary Affairs. Since September 2011, he has been serving as Director-General of Consular Affairs Bureau at the Ministry.

Mr. Mikio Numata is married and has one son.

FREEDOM FROM OPPRESSIONS FOCUSED

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—At the meeting between Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin and a delegation led by UN Women’s Deputy Executive Director Policy and Programme Bureau Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations Mr. John Hendra, held at the Attorney-General of the Union’s Office, here, this morning. The Attorney-General assured that the unfair treatment to the citizens due to the disparity between their nationalities, natives, ranks, standards, cultures, genders, poorness and richness, according to the Constitution of the country.

Besides, the Attorney-General presented reports on implementation tasks of women’s rights being carried out by the Attorney-General of the Union’s Office, progress of matters undertaken by the office in collaboration with the Hluttaw, as well as involving realizing legislatures.

Afterwards, Mr. John Hendra frankly shot the questions on matters related to women’s rights law after expressing their wish to fulfill the needs and congratulating the Attorney-General for taking measures for freedom from suffering oppression.

MYANMAR, US EXCHANGE VIEWS ON CLEARING OF LANDMINES, ASSISTANCE FOR LANDMINE VICTIMS

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—While meeting Mr Gerard Buxton White, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State of the US, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay exchanged views on the clearing of landmines, giving educative talks on landmine, cooperation in providing landmine victims with necessary assistance, the tasks carrying out by the government in order to fulfill the requirements of development of socio-economic status of over 10,000 tribe in Myainggyingu area and rehabilitation tasks for those people without considering black or white at his office, here, this afternoon.

UNION CONSTRUCTION MINISTER SUPERVISES CONSTRUCTION SITES

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin viewed concrete road erosion between mile post 363/3, 363/2 and 363/5 on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway on 20 October morning and urged the officials concerned to systematically concrete the road.

The Union Minister Maung Waiyan Maung Maung inspected road upgrading on Nay Pyi Taw-Taunggyi-Pantin road section, construction site for Sagaing University, maintenance work of heavy machineries in main workshop in Mandalay and construction of book stalls at Mandalay University Library.

SELECTED MYANMAR TAEKWONDO PLAYERS LEAVE FOR KOREA

YANGON, 22 Oct—President U Mya Han, Vice-President U Aung Than Myint and Dr Than Win of Myanmar Taekwondo Federation and Myanmar Taekwondo team including Deputy Director U Zaw Win of Sports and Physical Education Department and manager, coach and athletes left here by air yesterday evening for the Republic of Korea to attend the opening ceremony of 7th KoreanOpen Invitational Taekwondo Championship 2012 and to compete 9th International Invitational Taekwondo Championship.

DONATE BLOOD
Fidel Castro alive and well - Chavez aide

HAVANA, 22 Oct — Fidel Castro is alive and well, according to Elias Jaua, a former Venezuelan vice president who said he met with the Cuban revolutionary leader over the weekend.

said Castro accompanied him to Havana’s famous Hotel National early on Saturday evening after their meeting. He chatted briefly with the hotel’s general manager, Antonio Martinez Rodriguez, before departing. Castro’s long absence from the public eye has fuelled blogger and Twitter rumours for weeks that he was dead or near dying. “Yes, he was here yesterday,” the stern-faced Jaua told Martinez. Castro was reportedly in a gray modified Mercedes van and did not leave the vehicle.

Apart from comments by Jaua and Martinez, and the pictures shown to the media, there was no independent confirmation that anyone had actually seen the former leader. Cuban television news reported the meeting and Castro’s appearance at the hotel on Sunday evening. “The national press will publish tomorrow an article of Fidel’s, along with pictures of his meeting with the former Venezuelan vice president,” the announcer said. After resigning the presidency in 2008, Castro regularly wrote columns for the state press, but has not published one since 19 June. His last few columns were widely viewed as so oddball that they raised questions about his mental state.

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Russia’s Yandex targets Google with expansion abroad

DUBLIN, 22 Oct—Russia’s leading internet search engine, Yandex, will take the fight to Google in emerging markets like Turkey in a bid to offset the inroads made by the US giant in its home market.

Yandex founder and chief executive Arkady Volozh told Reuters on Friday the firm was likely to use its own experts to expand into new countries, but would not rule out acquisitions or partnership deals. “We are focusing on the markets with Google dominance in search...where they have 90-plus percent market share,” Volozh said in an interview in Dublin, adding Yandex would stress to consumers the dangers of one company dominating the market. Yandex is currently focusing on Turkey, where it has eked out a 1 percent market share since it entered the market last year. It describes this as a base for a future expansion and says it will look to other large markets where it sees no real competition to Google, though Volozh refused to name them.

Yandex, which raised $1.4 billion in an initial public offering (IPO) in New York last year, has seen its share of the Russian search market fall to 60 percent in the second quarter from 64 percent a year earlier, according to LiveInternet. That is partly due to inroads made by Google.

“We’ll be growing 30 percent or something next year, but it’s not doubling every year as we used to have four or five years ago. We need to find some new markets, new opportunities it could improve our revenues dramatically.” Volozh said.

Yandex posted revenues of $2 billion in the second quarter and has a market capitalisation of $7.2 billion. Google is also under pressure from slower revenue growth, though its growth rate has seen a five-year low as it shifted focus away from the core business. In July, the company announced it would cut $1 billion from its expenses, and the next quarter’s losses were the lowest in three years.

The move comes as Yandex introduced a range of new products, including a social networking site, photo hosting and mobile apps. It has also announced plans to launch a news service and a mobile app to compete with Facebook.

Deadly 2011 earthquake linked to groundwater extraction

WASHINGTON, 22 Oct.—An earthquake that killed nine people in Spain last year may have been triggered by decades of pumping water from a nearby natural underground reservoir, suggesting human activities played a role in moving Earth’s crust, scientists reported on Sunday.

The study published in the journal Nature Geoscience centred on the 11 May, 2011, quake in the southern Spanish town of Lorca. In addition to the nine deaths, this relatively modest earthquake damaged numerous buildings in Lorca, an agricultural center. The study’s lead author, Pablo Gonzalez of the University of Western Ontario, said he and his colleagues reckoned that the quake was related to a drop in the level of groundwater in a local aquifer, which can create pressure at the Earth’s surface.

To test that theory, they used satellite data to see how the terrain was deformed by the earthquake, and found that it correlated to changes in the Earth’s crust caused by a 273-yard (250-metre) drop in the natural groundwater level over the last five decades due to groundwater extraction.

Their findings suggest that human-induced stress on faults like the one near Lorca, known as the Alhama de Murcia Fault, can not only cause an earthquake but also influence how far the fault will slip as a result.

Apple drops Java after experts warn Mac users on its security

HOUSTON, 22 Oct.—Apple Inc (AAPL.O) is removing old versions of Oracle Corp’s (ORCL.O) Java software from Internet browsers on the Mac version of its computers 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 (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 on 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 (MSFT.O) Windows PCs.

Two years ago both companies said they had agreed that Apple would take the first step to remove the Java plugin from its Mac operating system. Oracle, which supplies Java to Apple, said it had decided to remove the plugin from the Mac operating system after a security flaw was discovered in the plugin.

Security experts in Europe have 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.
EU trade chief says Europe and China don’t need a trade war

BRUSSELS, 22 Oct—The European Union will not back down from protecting its industries against Chinese competition it sees as unfair, but mutual self-interest will prevent a damaging trade war, the EU’s trade chief Karel De Gucht said.

Disputes with Beijing have taken on a bigger scale in recent months and Brussels brought its biggest ever trade case against Beijing in September after European companies accused China of dumping solar panels in Europe.

The EU is also gathering evidence to see whether Chinese telecoms companies Huawei Technologies (HWT.UL and ZTE (000063.SZ) are dumping or receiving illegal subsidies. “We are not going to shy away from what we have to do,” De Gucht told Reuters in an interview.

“Trade between China and the European Union has doubled since 2003, rising to $428 billion euros in 2011, making the EU China’s biggest trading partner. China is the second biggest destination for European goods after the United States.

Europe is likely to get worse before it gets better and we are minimizing the negative effect by launching new products and eliminating costs,” chief executive Keith McLoughlin said. “The world’s second-biggest home appliances maker Electrolux (ELUXb. Stockholm, 22 Oct—Swedish home appliances maker Electrolux (ELUXb. ST) said it was to cut costs in Europe because of tough market conditions, adding it had reduced its forecast for demand in North America. Electrolux also reported a 33 percent rise in quarterly earnings on Monday that was in line with forecasts. Production changes in Europe, including downsizing, would cost $1 billion Swedish crowns ($152 million) in the fourth quarter, the company said.

“Tensions. I believe that the Chinese also realise that this has to be kept within limits,” he said from his office in the European Commission.

The growing trade spat come at a dangerous time. Europe’s economy is hardly growing and the continent is suffering from record unemployment, while China’s much-faster growth is cooling. Both downturns raise the specter of social instability.

De Gucht, who first got to know China during his term as Belgium’s foreign minister between 2004 and 2007, sees the tensions escalating dramatically, but believes China is seeking to produce sophisticated products that will compete with Europe.

“China is facing a tremendous challenge: how to get a larger share of the value-added pie, as it otherwise can’t possibly take the next step in economic development, which Japan, Chinese Taipei, South Korea, Singapore and Hong Kong have already taken,” De Gucht wrote in a book published this month called “Freedom: Liberalism in A Time of Cholera.”

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Electrolux to cut costs in Europe

After US group Whirlpool (WRH.N) reported adjusted third-quarter earnings before interest and tax of $467 million, compared with a forecast in a Reuters poll of $478 million, Electrolux cut its forecast for demand in Europe to fall by up to 2 percent, having previously expected a 2 percent growth.

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Production changes in Europe meant it would aim to cease production of top-load washing machines at its plant in Revin, France and aimed to downsize and specialize in Europe.

The world’s second-biggest home appliances maker

Gold hits 1-month low on dollar, econ worries

Gold hit a low around $1,713 an ounce and was at $1,721.20 by 0027 GMT, hardly changed from Friday, and down from an 11-month peak of $1,795.69 marked in early October. Silver tracked lower. US gold for December slipped 0.15 percent to $1,721.50 an ounce.

Hedge funds and other big speculators have cut their bullish bets on US commodities to the lowest levels since the end of August, data showed on Monday, as global economic worries pushed prices off their peaks.

European Union leaders face two months of tough bargaining on money, power and the future governance of the eurozone before they can boost confidence that the existential threat to the single currency has faded.

A worker stands at his gold jewellery shop at the market of A bottle of “XO” bliss in the preferred tipple for an aspirational tipple are discerning Chinese looking for pricey brandies is
taste. The very high end

Asian thirst drives demand for 2,500-euro cognac

As overall cognac sales have recovered from the 2008/09 downturn, discerning Chinese looking for an aspirational tipple are causing a surge in shipments of Louis XIII and other deluxe spirits.

The trend is good news for Remy Martin, which is much more focused than its rivals on high-end brands, and suggests that a slowdown in China’s overall economic growth rate may not dampen the country’s appetite for some luxury goods, even if some sectors have sounded warnings.

A person walks past Electrolux headoffice in Stockholm.— Reuters
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like other regions if only the peace-making process continued with patience and understanding for goodwill of the incumbent government.

Regarding the question raised by Eleven Media Group, the President answered that whether there will be reversible or irreversible in terms of politics rests on people’s desire. No one wants to see backsliding. As the people do not want to turn back, the government has to strive for making it irreversible. He said he would like to urge to go forward. Regarding the constitutional amendments, the Constitution provides opportunity for amendments. Constitutional amendment is prescribed in the Chapter (12) of the Constitution together with procedure. It could not be amended by himself alone. Constitutional amendment rests on the desire of the Hluttaw representatives in accord with the procedures.

In response to the question to The Voice Weekly regarding education, the President answered: development of a country does not depend on resources, South Korea does not have adequate capital and resources, therefore the President answered: education is important to do so and thus there needs to walk a long way starting from the education. He put the job creation on the same plane with education, urging to instill them with humanity and adaptability to global circumstances. The government is seeking ways to have the two societies live together, said the President who added that the 27-member investigation team was formed as an independent team to investigate into the incident and seek ways for resolution and the government would take the best possible steps depending on the recommendation of the team.

In his reply to question of The Favourite Journal about the proportion of Defence Services personnel Hluttaw representatives in reviewing the constitution, the President said the armed forces cannot be subjugated. He focused on human rights to which nationalistic fervor is to be subjugated. He demanded a change in mindset, urging to accept the situation. He noted that education is important to do so and thus there needs to walk a long way starting from the education. He put the job creation on the same plane with education, urging to instill them with humanity and adaptability to global circumstances. The government is seeking ways to have the two societies live together, said the President who added that the 27-member investigation team was formed as an independent team to investigate into the incident and seek ways for resolution and the government would take the best possible steps depending on the recommendation of the team.

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MI awards claimers more than K 195 million

YANGON, 22 Oct — An official said that Myanmar Insurance awarded claimers K 188.50 million for 382 persons who lost their life in road accidents, 64 who were wounded in accidents K 6.58 million and K0.20 million for two industrial zones — K 195.28 million under personal injury insurance.

Vehicles and persons involved in the accidents are included in personal injury insurance. Although the victims do not have personal injury insurance, they can receive compensation from Myanmar Insurance as owners have the insurance on their vehicles.

Two more industrial zones in Mandalay Region

MANDALAY, 22 Oct— With the aim of encouraging development of industrial sector at home, it is learnt that arrangements are being made to set up two more industrial zones — Tatkon Industrial Zone and Yadanabon Industrial Zone — in Mandalay Region, according to Department for Development of Small and Medium Scale Industries of the Ministry of Industry.

There are 18 industrial zones in the country. Each more industrial zones, job creation will be realized. —Kyonno
Member of free medical team honoured

YANGON, 22 Oct—The Chairman of Myanmar Theravada Buddhist Organization and Border and Hilly Region Sasana Nuggahsa Association (Central) held the ceremony to honour members of the free clinic of the Yangon Region Association at Karaweik Palace, here, on 11 October.

At the ceremony, Chairman of the Association Dr Khin Shinwe delivered an address. Vice-Chairman U Kyaw Khin Myint explained the plans of medical treatment and future tasks.

The chairman presented brochures and certificates of honour to leader of the medical team Dr Yuzana Saw Myint, Dr Khin Than Nwe and members.

Amyotha Hluttaw

ASEAN Engineering Achievement Award for Myanmar bridge construction engineers

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Myanmar bridge engineers secured the ASEAN Engineering Achievement Award for construction of three rail-cum-road Ayeyawady Bridges in the ASEAN region.

YCDC to take action against factories for indiscriminate disposal of garbage

YANGON, 22 Oct—According to the Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Department of Yangon City Development Committee, action will be taken against the factories that throw garbage without following the disciplines and ground pollution. Whatever it may be, garbage of factories can impact the air, ground and water to some extent. However, the department makes inspection how the factories can pollute and conserve the environment, said an official of the department.

In inspecting the factories, the department places emphasis on water and air pollution. YCDC is now gathering garbage with the use of trash vans and builds garbage tanks as part of efforts for environmental conservation. Moreover, industrial zones also adopt systematic garbage systems on their own.

Two-digit lottery seller arrested

MAHLAING, 22 Oct—According to the information that Hein Lin of Monbin Village in Kantwin Village-tract of Mahlaing Township sells illegal two-digit lottery, policemen of Mahlaing Police Station together with witnesses waited and arrested Hein Lin on the bun of Kyar Lake at the entrance to Mahlaing on 16 October.

The authorities seized vouchers of illegal two-digit lottery from his waist and K 22050. Mahlaing Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Hein Lin, 45, under Gambling Act.

Solar panels penetrate domestic market

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Solar panels have been flowing into the market in Myanmar since last year. At present, the solar panels are being used in rural areas facing shortage of electricity on a wider scale, said a sales person of an electronics shop in Taunggyi.

“Solar panels are useful in the rural areas. It can be used for illumination as well as supply of electricity for potable TV. The solar panels that generate 100 watts can be used to 21-inch TVs. The people of villages enjoy TV with the use of solar panels,” said an owner of electronics shop.

At present, various sizes of solar panels with the capacity from 20 watts to 200 watts are on sales in the market.

The solar panels generating 20 watts and 30 watts are high demand in the market.

These solar panels can generate electricity for at least two-foot fluorescence. The panel of 30 watts can be used for VCDs, DVDs and potable TV. The solar panels are also imported from China and India.

Due to useful capability for illumination and enjoyment of TVs in the areas with lack of electricity, solar panel is penetrating into the market with momentum.

Red spots will appear at body. The child may suffer from dry cough and throat pain. So, they should receive medical treatment from the experienced doctors. The breastfeeding mother are to take care of oral temperature of the children when they breastfeed their children. It is necessary to take medical treatment in DHF may cause shock. Up to now, DHF is one of the root causes of mortality rate in Myanmar,” an official of Myanmar Medical Association.

“Children are to be fed with nutritious foods for ensuring their higher immune efficiency. The children must have regular bed time and personal hygiene under care of mothers not to suffer from diseases,” said OP Dr Aung Thu Naing.
**Energy development policy**

There is an option to extend the use of bio fuels derived from wheat, rice, palm oil, sugarcane and corn so that the world may reduce dependency on oil whose price is constantly rising.

But this option also has adverse effects. The price of agricultural products will go up due to extra demand for fuel, eventually triggering food shortages and higher food prices.

So, bio fuels are not in a position yet to solve the present energy crisis.

In this context, oil will remain important as ever. According to estimation, global oil production will reach its peak in 2020. For that reason, there may be tough competition between global economic powers to get oil.

But in the new multi-polar 21st century, it is unlikely that powers will confront one another through wars. But we should foresee the possibility of powerless countries being swallowed into their domination to solve their energy problems.

Hence, we should prepare ourselves to meet all the democracy norms in politics and economy so that there will be no weak point to find fault in our country by any energy hungry powers.

Moreover, we should have practical measures for energy sufficiency, to stockpile reserve oil, to stabilize domestic fuel prices, and to effectively use revenues from gas. We should make arrangements in advance to prevent or mitigate the occurrence of bad consequences caused by increasing fuel prices.

But in the long-run the world will be heading towards using alternative fuels while lessening oil’s important role.

The countries without any effective plan for alternative energy sources may face a lot of difficulties in the future. So, to acquire alternative energy technology is a must for Myanmar as well. An effective energy development policy will do the work of addressing all possible short-term and long-term problems.

Before repair

“These holes…”

After repair

“Damn slopes…”

**Cartoon**

Maung Maung Lay

**Corruption weakens the government’s credibility, and spurs distrust, eventually distancing local people, especially the grassroots, the minority and the vulnerable, away from their own government.**

At the time when even nations around the world are forming economic coalitions such as the EU, the ASEAN, the NAFTA and the APEC to act in harmony and unison, there is no reason we can stand as a united force, but we cannot up till now, even though the government has been doing its best with much sincerity and hard work. Truthfully, the government hasn’t won cent per cent support and trust of the people yet, and the suspicion may be even higher in the ethnic regions. Why?

A part of the answer to this question may lie hidden under corruption that remains rooted in many government apparatus for years. In some departments, corruption has become a normal procedure. People sometimes deal with government officials or authorities as the government itself because they are the representatives of the government machinery. So, it’s not good if people find or face any kind of corruption, bribery or misuse of power in any level of the government machinery. This weakens the government’s credibility, and spurs distrust, eventually distancing local people, facing the problem. There can be several reasons for this, that is totally free from corruption or misconducts in various forms. But the real remedy to the problem is transparency. Even finding out, exposing and publicizing corruption or any kind of corruption officials through transparency and impartiality can be an effective tool to fight against all kinds of malpractices. Then, there is another important measure, and that is the independent inquiry into the matter so that truth can be found, as there can be plots, tricks and conspiracies for creating a scapegoat or blaming others who actually are innocent. Only after the truth is exposed, action taking and independent, open and corrupt-free judicial procedures can be followed.

Some government staffs have a good excuse for the corruption or any kind of misconducts or abuse of power, because of the low, in some cases very low, salaries. Frankly speaking, the monthly salary of even an official especially the grassroots, the minority and the vulnerable away from their own government. In some cases, people even don’t want to deal the government bodies or staff or authorities at all because of the abuse of power and corruption.

Very often, lack of knowledge and naivety makes rural people fall prey to corrupt government staff. As corrupt practices, bribery and misuse of power is a lucrative business and a good source of income, some government staff, especially officials, don’t want to relinquish them. Instead, they would seek ways for the long lasting of such malpractices.

But corruption is not only Myanmar’s problem. Many countries are also suffering from such malpractices. A part of the answer to this is transparency and impartiality. We on our part are also trying to extend the use of such malpractices. Hence, we should make arrangements in advance to prevent or mitigate the occurrence of bad consequences caused by increasing fuel prices.

Wealthy life is every one’s dream, because it’s human nature. And when other people see corrupt persons leading an opulent and secure life, they wrongly think that corruption is the best, easiest and shortest way for achieving wealth. So, it’s not unusual Myanmar is labeled as one of the most corrupt countries of the world. A democratic state relies on taxes as its main source of income, and if the revenues do not fully go into the state’s coffers and flow into wrong hands, the country will be poorer and the bad will be richer.

We all know that countries with highest corruption rate are the poorest among the world nations, while almost all the developed and rich countries have good governance and clean government. Developed and rich countries too have corruption, but they have the effective mechanism to curb it and expose and punish the wrong doers.

We on our part are also establishing clean government and good governance, but not with the tainted parts and unholy alliances, but with pure minds, honest hearts, renewed vigour, transparent procedures and smart ideas. What’s more, the President has already warned against misconducts in any form, and declared that corrupt parts will meet legal action and any one against democratic reforms will be left behind.

**In memory of late daughter Ma Lwin Lwin Oo (a) Ma Lwin, U Tin Oo-Daw San Kyin and son Ko Moe Kyaw Oo of 44th Street in Botataung Township donated K 110,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Executive Committee Chairman Lt-Col Kyaw Shein (Rtd) recently.**
Call MPT for mobile errors: Union CPT Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—The complaints about disruption of CDMA and GMS mobiles has long been a question among the public, on their behalf, Kyangin Constituency’s Dr Tin Maung Kyaw questioned the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs at Pyithu Hluttaw session today. Union Minister U Thein Tun informed the parliament of a few complaint handling numbers: 01-558668 for CDMA 450, 01-532257 for GSM and 09-5020144 for information. He said the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications office in respective areas could handle the case of disconnection caused by handsets as well.

Clerical weaknesses contribute to region/state staff mismanagement

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Weaknesses in office procedures caused mismanagement of staff at region or state civil service organizations, said Union Minister U Soe Yal of Dimawhso at today’s Pyithu Hluttaw session. The Pyithu Hluttaw session was attended by 387 MPs plus 65 youth dossiers sent by the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker. U Aung Tun Su Hlaing today told Pyithu Hluttaw session. She answered no to the question—whether the fire stations in Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing Regions would be extended—raised by Pyawbwe Constituency’s U Myint Soe.

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Full staff to be assigned to Pekhon hospital of southern Shan State: Dy Health Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Thein Htin Hlay promised reinforcement of the line-up of healthcare service providers in Southern Shan State at today’s Pyithu Hluttaw session. The Bill Committee submitted its report on Contempt of Court Bill at today’s session as well. U Thein Htin Hlay of Pekhon Constituency demanded the employment of staff to full organizational structure in Pekhon People’s Hospital. He also called for renovation or reconstruction of the hospital while asking for upgrading and opening of two rural health centres in Lwepaw and Konengu villages.

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National entrepreneurs would be given priority and trawlers would be equipped...

The Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker said seafood is a strategic alternative for feeding the rising population facing food insufficiency. The Speaker pointed out that it is another area to be conserved. The current plan, if inadequate, must be revised, he said. The Speaker underscored the need of advanced tools. The weakness in strength and technology must be overcome with the participation of the people, he suggested. If workers of fishing boats are equipped with tools such as satellite system, camera and GPS, they will be in more favourable position to provide tip-off, contributing to capture in time. The Speaker said the national entrepreneurs would be given priority and trawlers would be equipped with sophisticated tools to play catch-up. He called for review of line ministries. The proposal was approved by the parliament with majority vote. Member of People’s Complaint and Petition Committee U Nyan Lin submitted the proposal calling for real-time reply to letters sent by the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker. U Aung Chir Lwin of Sagaing Region Constituency (11) seconded the proposal.

The Speaker urged the representatives willing to discuss the proposal to register before the meeting came to an end at 1:55 pm.

MNA

Illegally extracted timber, elephant killer seized

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Forest Department seized 9,542 tons of illegally extracted sawn wood on 13 September and 10,472 tons on 1 October in Pathein Township in Ayeyawady Region. The concerned authorities are chasing culprits.

Acting on tipoff, the staff of Alangdaw Kathapa National Park arrested Maung Nyein of Kuseik village in Kani Township, the killer of a wild elephant found with the gunshot in the park on 17 July. A lawsuit has been filed against the culprit. The Environmental Conservation and Forest Department is taking measures to conserve the environment, cracking down illegal timber extraction and killing of wildlife side by side with the people.

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Dry zone voices concern over fire, more fire engines to be employed

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—More fire engines will be employed at fire stations in hot and dry central Myanmar in 2013-2014 fiscal year, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Reconstruction Daw Su Su Hlaing today told Pyithu Hluttaw session. She answered no to the question—whether the fire stations in Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing Regions would be extended—raised by Pyawbwe Constituency’s U Myint Soe. Nine fire-engines will be allotted to Mandalay Region, 11 to Magway Region and 12 to Sagaing Region in this fiscal year, the deputy minister said.

The deputy minister said the ministry has the plan to provide five-unit fire stations in the regions with rescue tenders in the hottest part of Myanmar with highest possibility of fire outbreak. Mandalay and Magway regions are the first and second most vulnerable regions to fire as Myanmar saw 648 fire outbreaks within first nine months of this year, according to a Xinhu report.

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Road and bridge technology seminar commences

Ministry of Construction and CIDB of Malaysia held the road and bridge technology seminar at the hall of Ministry of Construction on 17 October.

Office work course concludes

The Clerical and Office Work Course concluded at the central training school (Thawanna) of Public Works on 19 October. Altogether 41 trainees attended the five-week course.

Union Sports Minister encourages training of cyclists

Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan on 19 October viewed training of cyclists for cross country event. The female and male athletes took exercises in group and individuals.

Training of Futsal players inspected

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Preparation of Organizing the XXVII SEA Games Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan viewed vigorous training of players in Futsal events at Training Centre-1 in Zabathiri Township on 20 October.
ECB’s Knot backs German call for EU budget commissioner

BERLIN, 22 Oct — European Central Bank policymaker Klaas Knot has thrown his support behind German finance minister Wolfgang Schäuble’s call for a eurozone commissioner with power over European Union nations’ budgets. The EU needs not only stricter budget discipline but also stronger debt controls, Knot, who heads the Dutch Central Bank, told German newspaper Welt am Sonntag in an interview published on Sunday. “I welcome the idea that if we want to keep a better eye on these aims it would represent huge progress. It is worth thinking about Wolfgang Schäuble’s idea carefully.”

Asked about ECB plans to buy the bonds of troubled euro zone states and whether this risked causing the pressure on governments to implement reforms, Knot said the bank had learned lessons from its last bond-buying programme. “We are prepared to play the fire brigade in the short term, but only when we are convinced that the new house will be constructed more solidly,” he said. Spain was expected to request EU aid in the next few weeks, which would trigger ECB bond buying. Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said after an EU summit in Brussels on Friday, a decision on whether to ask for aid had not been made.

Asked about the possible time frame within which Italy and Spain would need to be able to stand on their own feet after any ECB bond buying: “That is very difficult to say. Depending on how much restructuring a country must do it can take between three and five years for reforms to take their full effect. But that does not mean that the states would need help for the same period. Once investors see conditions on the right direction then a state can return to financial markets earlier, or may not even lose access at all.”

Schäuble said five days ago a new “currency commissioner” could be added the power to reject national budgets not in line with the euro zone’s strict fiscal rules. The model for the position would be the EU’s competition commissioner who, Schäuble believes, has avoided “fear in the whole world”. However, a previous proposal from Schäuble for a “Kommissarmiss”, or savings commissioner, was quietly dropped after it stirred fury in Greece and got a cool reception from Germany’s other EU partners. — Reuters

Heavy police presence thwarts skateboard race through midtown Manhattan

NEW YORK, 22 Oct — A heave of New York City police presence on Saturday discouraged a group of hundreds of skateboarders from defying a court order that banned the annual race through midtown Manhattan known as the Broadway nish line. Many skateboarders were not deterred. At the race’s planned finish line in Manhattan’s downtown financial district, where there was a heavy police presence, many boarders said they had taken alternate routes downtown to avoid police stationed at intersections throughout midtown.

Late Thursday, city officials won a temporary restraining order that banned the 8-mile race from upper Manhattan to Wall Street along Broadway, one of Manhattan’s busiest streets, because of safety concerns and permit requirements. A Facebook page for the event listed nearly 2,000 participants as of Friday morning but later in the day organizers canceled the race. Hundreds of riders vowed once tear gas had been deployed an uptown subway trains in Manhattan were filled on Saturday morning with boarders, many of whom said they had come to the city from other states. “They might chase me but they ain’t going to catch me,” said Sean P McCarthy, 43, a Pittsburgh tattoo shop owner who was holding a skateboard bearing an image of President George W Bush.

At the race’s official starting point in upper Manhattan, a dozen NYPD officers stood together near a digital sign that warned that skateboarders who defied the court order would face arrest. — Reuters

Russian nuclear forces complete large-scale drill

MOSCOW, 22 Oct — Russia’s Strategic Nuclear Forces ended a large-scale command drill on Saturday, the Kremlin said. President Vladimir Putin, the supreme commander-in-chief of Russian armed forces, on Friday participated in the exercises and directly controlled the test of the automated communications control system, his spokesman Dmitry Peskov told local media.

The command drill of the nuke forces, the largest in recent Russian history, also included combat training launches of strategic and cruise missiles, Peskov added.

All components of the nuclear forces, including the long range air forces, the sea and the ground forces, participated in the drill.

As part of the drill, Russian Strategic and Space Forces on Friday tested an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) Topol, the Defence Ministry confirmed.

Native village defends ocean experiment: Canada launches probe

VANCOUVER, 22 Oct — Leaders of a tiny, native village off Canada’s remote northwest coast on Friday defended their decision to dump 120 tons of iron dust into the ocean as a legal experiment to revive salmon stocks, but Canada said it was investigating a possible breach of environmental law.

The village council conducted its $2.5 million ($2.52 million) experiment in the waters around Haida Gwaii, an archipelago some 100 miles (160 kilometers) off the British Columbian coast.

In a project that has drawn widespread condemnation from scientists concerned about the impacts of unsupervised experiments, the village employed scientists, biologists and technicians to pour iron sulphate off the water. A spokesman for Canadian Environment Minister Peter Kent said officials had obtained an investigation into the incident.

Environment

Canada warned the group in May that depositing iron ore in waters was a violation of Canadian economic development laws except in the case of legitimate research, he said. Ocean fertilization is not currently allowed under Canadian environmental laws because it is considered a form of disposal at sea.

The Old Massett Village Council on Haida Gwaii was encouraged to press ahead with its “ocean fertilization” project by “scientific correlations” between a 2008 volcanic eruption in the Aleutian Islands and increased plankton pastures in the oceans, economic development officer John Disney said. Like ash from volcanic eruptions, iron ore is rich in mineral micronutrients that some believe can restore the ocean’s plankton pastures, which salmon and other marine life feed on. “When we added iron to the ocean we discovered an almost immediate impact on marine life,” Disney told a Press conference in Vancouver.

It is unclear if the experiment will damage the surrounding environment, but scientists fear that the rise of rogue experiments might have negative effects for the environment.

The Haida nation relies heavily on salmon fishing for their livelihood, but a downturn in stocks driven up unemployment in Old Massett to 70 percent.

Disney said the village council had obtained legal advice that the experiment was legal and was consulted with “several” Canadian federal ministries and research councils. An official with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization said UNESCO, like other scientists, was concerned about “unsupervised experiments of this nature.” — Reuters
Cambodia sets 15 October as Memorial Day for late King Norodom Sihanouk

Phnom Penh, 22 Oct—The Government of Cambodia announced 15 October as the official day of homage to late King Father Norodom Sihanouk, said a circular signed by Prime Minister Hun Sen on Monday.

The government sets 15 October as the Memorial Day for former King Norodom Sihanouk, according to a sub-decree on public holiday calendar for 2013, the circular said.

All ministries, institutions, public and private enterprises must organize the Memorial Day properly in accordance with Cambodian custom and tradition,” the circular said. It also instructed all Cambodian embassies and consulates—general to foreign countries to hold the day properly in accordance with national prestige and pride on international arena.

The most revered ex-King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia died of illness at the age of 90 in Beijing on 15 October and his body was transported to Phnom Penh by Air China jumbo jet on 17 October.

The country announced a week of mourning from 17-23 October, and the body of the King-Father will lie in state at least three months at the Royal Palace before it is cremated.

Born on 31 Oct, 1922, Sihanouk reigned the country from 1941 to 1955 and again from 1993 until his voluntary abdication on 7 Oct, 2004 in favor of his son, the current King Norodom Sihamoni.

He was the king who led the country to gain independence from France in 1953. He had been a presence through decades of political and social turmoil in Cambodia, despite long periods of exile overseas.

He was named the father of independence, territorial integrity, and national reconciliation and unity. He suffered from various forms of cancer, diabetes and hypertension and had been treated by Chinese doctors in Beijing for years before his death.

Indonesia aims to reduce poverty, create jobs through microfinance

YOGYAKARTA, 22 Oct—Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said Monday that microfinance is an effective way to reduce poverty, unemployment and create more job opportunities at the 2012 international microfinance conference (MED) here.

The two-day event with the theme “Towards Sustainability and Financial Inclusion” was hosted by Indonesia’s Ministry of Cooperatives and Small

Miss Japan wins Miss International 2012

Tokyo, 22 Oct—Ikumi Yoshimatsu from Japan was crowned Miss International 2012 in Okinawa, Japan on Monday after being named Miss Universe 2012.

All the sailors rescued by Japanese boats have transferred to Chinese ship East China Sea Rescue 111 by around 9:46 am, according to officials of the East China Sea Rescue Bureau under the Ministry of Transport.

The Chinese vessel arrived at 7 am in the

Chinese Culture Day in Uzbekistan opens with concert

TASHKENT, 22 Oct—The Chinese Culture Day in Uzbekistan marking the 20th anniversary of Sino-Uzbek diplomatic ties was launched with a concert in Tashkent on Sunday evening.

Chinese ambassador to Uzbekistan Zhang Xiao gave a speech at the start of the concert, saying the event was of profound significance to Sino-Uzbek bilateral cultural exchanges. Artists from the Zhuzhai HanHouk Art Troupe gave excellent performances at the Turkiston Concert Hall in Tashkent. Their performance of Chinese local dances and folk songs drew loud applause and appreciation. Chinese artists will give another concert in Samarkand, the second largest Uzbek city and one

Japan-rescued Chinese sailors board Chinese vessel

SHANGHAI, 22 Oct—Sixty four Chinese crew members embarked on a Chinese rescue ship on Monday morning after being saved by Japanese rescuers from a boat that caught fire on Saturday in waters near Okinawa.

The Chinese maritime rescue officials have announced.

All the sailors rescued by Japanese boats have transferred to Chinese ship East China Sea Rescue 111 on Sunday night, according to officials of the East China Sea Rescue Bureau under the Ministry of Transport.

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US, S Korean, Chinese, Japanese leaders to attend 21st ASEAN Summit in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 22 Oct—US President Barack Obama, South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda have announced their participation in the 21st ASEAN Summit and related Summits here on 15-20 November, said Cambodia’s Foreign Minister Hor Nambora on Monday.

All heads of states and governments of the member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), President of South Korea, President of the US, Chinese Premier and Japanese Prime Minister will come to join the Summit,” he told reporters after a meeting with visiting Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa.

He said that in the meeting with Marty, both sides discussed the preparation for the 21st ASEAN Summit here next month besides talks on bilateral relation boost.

Founded in 1967, ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.
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Thai-led coalition begins to form government

in Bangkok

By Agoeswar Gnanalingam

BANGKOK — Thailand’s new coalition government took over power early Tuesday, following a week-long political crisis that culminated in a two-month

Thaksin and clashes that

aim to take full advantage

of Canada’s crude oil exports

to the United States.

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start plans with the regulator and are targeting Monday to begin operations,” he said.

The company said a
day earlier that it expected a Sunday restart for the line. It shut the pipeline late on Wednesday after an in-line inspection tool detected what it referred to as a “small anomaly” on the pipe. The outage pushed up US oil prices on Thursday.

TransCanada has not given the location of the potential defect, but the US Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration said it had sent an inspector to observe repairs on a section between Missouri and Illinois.

The pipeline extends to Wood River, Illinois, and the major storage hub at Cushing, Oklahoma, from Hardisty, Alberta.

Russ Girling, president and CEO of TransCanada, addresses shareholders at the company’s annual general

meeting in Calgary, Alberta on 27 April, 2012.

REUTERS

Calgary, Alberta, 22 Oct — TransCanada Corp said on Sunday that the restart of its 590,000 barrel per day Keystone oil pipeline would be delayed until Monday, a day later than expected.

James Millar, a spokesman for the country’s largest pipeline company, said in an email that TransCanada was working with regulators to finalize restart plans for the line, which carries a quarter of Canada’s crude oil exports to the United States.

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Friendly Thailand stares down the barrel of rising gun crime

BANGKOK, 22 Oct — Twenty schoolchildren surround a city bus in central Bangkok. Some get on to confront a 16-year-old from a rival school and, within moments, he is shot dead.

Similar altercations have become a focus of public attention, with shootings affecting seemingly ordinary folk. In one incident at a busy intersection, a computer repairman shot dead two people and took a third hostage. Witnesses said it resembled a scene from a Hollywood blockbuster. A tour

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deputy prime minister as a

“thug-catching type”, has vowed to take weapons off the streets. Thailand has the highest number of guns per 100,000 people in Thailand in 2011, compared to 0.2 in the Philippines, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime reported.

A man looks at a window display at a gun shop in

Bangkok in this 12 Oct, 2012 file photo. — REUTERS

Turkish Airlines to buy up to 20

Boeing 777-300ERs by 2017

ISTANBUL, 22 Oct — Turkish Airlines has decided to buy 15 Boeing 777-300ERs by 2017 with an option to buy five more, it said in a statement on Monday.

The flag-carrier said it decided to place orders for 3 planes in 2014, 7 in 2015, 5 in 2016 and another 5 in 2017 from Boeing, the statement to the Istanbul Stock Exchange said.

A Turkish Airlines plane arrives at Ataturk

International Airport in Istanbul on 29 May, 2012.

REUTERS

Fund launched to protect

“China’s water tower”

XINHUA, 22 Oct — China launched a fund on Monday to protect its far-western Sanjiangyuan nature reserve, the source of the country’s major rivers.

Ma Fuhai, director general of the environmental protection fund, said it will aim to take full advantage of market resources to raise money through various channels.

The fund will seek to set up a long-term mechanism to push for more protection in environmental protection at the source of the Yangtze, Yellow and Lancang rivers in Qinghai Province, according to Ma.

The China Cos-struction

Bank donated 3 million yuan (480,000 US dollars) to the pot at the launch ceremony.

Zhang Shoucheng, director of the Qinghai provincial development and reform commission, said the initiative has two advisory committees, the first formed of six former senior central and local government officials, and another formed of 124 experts.

The Sanjiangyuan reserve, located on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau and described as “China’s water tower,” provides the lower reaches of the Yangtze, Yellow and Lancang rivers with 60 billion cubic meters of water annually.

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In a photo — Xinhua

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Daniel Radcliffe has split from his girlfriend

Keith Richards to star in Pirates of the Caribbean 5

Kate Middleton voted perfect Bond girl

Nicole Kidman quits erotic movie Nymphomaniac

Los Angeles, 22 Oct—Oscar-winning actor Mel Gibson has sparked dating rumors after being spotted having an intimate dinner with Hollywood stuntwoman Ashley Cusato.

Gibson, 56, was caught canoodling with Cusato over sushi last Sunday at Nobu in Malibu, California. Laughing and with their arms around each other, they appeared to be having a good time before leaving the restaurant together, reported ABC News.

Cusato, 38, has doubled for several A-list actresses, including Jennifer Aniston in Rumor Has It, as well as Penelope Cruz, Denise Richards, and Anne Hathaway. Her stunt screen credits include Baywatch, Cop Land and Alius.

Gibson’s representative declined to comment on the status of their relationship, and Cusato did not respond immediately to requests for comment. Reuters

Los Angeles, 22 Oct—Daniel Radcliffe has split from his girlfriend Rosie Coker for around two and a half years after meeting her on the set of one of the Harry Potter films, but her father has confirmed they have separated.

Malcolm Coker told website MailOnline: “Rosie’s not in this country at the moment. She’s staying in London. She won’t want to talk about it.”

He did not say when Rosie and Daniel had split, but they were believed to have been sharing his New York City apartment earlier this year.

It is now thought Daniel had been seeing another actress, Erin Darke, whom he met on the set of Kill Your Darlings — in which he portrays beat poet Allen Ginsberg — although they too are thought to have split, leaving her “devastated.”

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European roundup: Hat-trick for Messi, Dzeko rescues City

Incredibly, Manchester City's record signing of £50m scored a last minute winner to rescue them from a 2-0 deficit against Stoke City. The goal proved to be a crucial three points to move them level on points with Chelsea at the top of the Premier League, with a match in hand. A late strike from Stevan Jovetic ensured a 3-1 win for the Blues to stay top.

Soccer

Titleholders Borussia Dortmund slumped to a 2-1 home defeat to rivals Schalke 04, in a match marred by fan trouble. Ibrahim Afellay and Marco Hoeger put Schalke 2-0 ahead before Robert Lewandowski pulled one back. Schalke are third with 17 points while Dortmund are fourth but are already 12 points behind Bayern.

Bayern Munich set a Bundesliga record for the best start to a season with eight straight wins, crushing promoted Fortuna Duesseldorf 5-0 away. A Mario Mandzukic goal, Luiz Gustavo’s close-range effort, a second-half Thomas Mueller double and one from Rafinha gave Bayern victory, keeping them five points ahead of Eintracht Frankfurt who beat Hannover 96 3-1.

Lazio beat struggling AC Milan 3-2 thanks to a late winner from Nigel de Jong and Inter both won and moved within a point of Napoli.

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Manchester City’s Dzeko was on the scoresheet twice as the Premier League champions led it late to come behind and beat West Bromwich Albion 2-1 to keep the pressure on league leaders Chelsea.

City looked in deep trouble when they trailed 1-0 to Shane Long’s goal having also had winger James Milner sent off, but the Bosnian rode to their rescue, equalising with a header and finishing off a breakaway in stoppage time. Wayne Rooney netted twice for Manchester United on an eventful afternoon which also saw a own goal against

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Saina Nehwal repays faith by reaching Denmark final

New York, 22 Oct—Saina Nehwal is showing signs of fulfilling the potential that earned her a recent $7.4 million deal by reaching the Denmark Open badminton final after her world number one-ranked opponent retired with a knee injury.

The 22-year-old world number four was leading 21-12 12-7 against Wang Yihan on Saturday when her Chinese opponent limped off the court at Odense. Pitted against the woman who had thrashed her 21-13 21-13 in the Olympic semi-finals in London, Nehwal proved too strong for Wang, who was clearly hampered by the damaged knee.

“It was an exciting victory. I played at full strength today and got the result,” Nehwal told the Times of India newspaper.

Coach Pullela Gopichand said the result was a massive confidence boost for Nehwal ahead of her future battles against the Chinese contingent, who make up four of the world’s top-five players.

Venus wins in Luxembourg to end title drought

New York, 22 Oct—Venus Williams proved she was still a force to be reckoned with after a two-year battle with injuries and illness as she downed Romania’s Monica Niculescu 6-2 6-3 to win the Luxembourg Open title on Sunday.

The result ended a torrid year and a 31-month barren run for the 32-year-old American.

Tiger eyes lake-side ambush of McIlroy

New York, 22 Oct—Still smarting from losing the Ryder Cup in extraordinary circumstances, Tiger Woods has his sights on more quick payback against world number one Rory McIlroy in China on 29 October.

The world’s top two players will go head to head in an 18-hole medal match at Jinhua Lake in Hangzhou, with Woods clearly fired up by his rivalry with the Northern Irishman.

“We’ve all seen how talented Rory is,” said 14-times major winner Woods, who rooted McIlroy by six strokes in the World Golf Final in Turkey the week after the Ryder Cup.

“It’s been good to battle him for the next decade or so and hopefully we’ll have many more battles to come.”

Woods and McIlroy experienced the gamut of emotions at the Ryder Cup earlier this month when Europe stormed back from 10 down to pinch the golden trophy from under America noses. McIlroy, twice a major winner, almost missed the last time but the 23-year-old made it in the nick of time to win his singles match in an astonishing European comeback at Medinah.

“It’s going to be a lot of fun going head to head with Rory,” said the 36-year-old Woods. “I’ve got my head to head events so it’s great to do this in China.”

China is a growing market and what they’ve done in golf over the past decade or so is incredible.

“China is young in golf terms but rising fast, especially with the sport joining the Olympics.”

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**Electricity supplied at full capacity in Shwepyitha Township**

**SHWEPYITHA, 22 Oct—Yangon City Electricity Supply Board under the Ministry of Electric Power allowed installation of one 33/11-6.6 KV (10) MVA transformer and extension of 12000 feet long overhead power line to Shwepyitha Township Electricity Supply Board for enabling the local people to enjoy electricity at full capacity round the clock, said the Township Electrical Engineer.**

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**Roadside bomb kills two Afghan police, wounds four**

"The tragic incident happened at around 10:00 am local time when police were on routine patrol. As a result two policemen including an officer were martyred and four others sustained injuries," Wali Shah Humat, the governor of Ismail Khil district confirmed to Xinhua.

He also put the deadly attack on the police force, a term used against Taliban militants. However, the official said investigation had been launched to identify and arrest the culprits. —Xinhua

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**Chinese envoy urges Israel to make gestures for resuming talks with Palestinians**

**JERUSALEM, 22 Oct — Chinese Special Envoy to the Middle East Wu Sike on Sunday urged the Israeli government to take positive steps to create the atmosphere for resuming its peace talks with the Palestinians.**

Wu made the appeal during his talks with Israeli Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Intelligence Services Dan Meridor in Jerusalem.

Wu said the Palestinian issue has an overall impact on the entire Middle East and thus should not be neglected or marginalized against the backdrop of profound changes in the region.

China supports every effort conducive to promoting the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks and the political solution to the Palestinian issue, he said. Wu expressed the hope that all parties concerned would make practical efforts and in particular, Israel would take positive steps to halt the settlement building and improve the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip, so as to create a good atmosphere for the resumption of the peace talks at an early date.

Noting that Israel attaches a great importance to China’s role in promoting peace and stability in the Middle East, Meridor stressed that Israel is willing to restart talks with the Palestinians on the basis of the two-state solution to seek a proper settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Later in the day, Wu also held talks with Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Daniel Ayalon. During the meeting, Wu said China is highly concerned about the Middle East peace process, and it believes that making constant efforts for a political solution to the Palestinian issue will contribute to the peace and stability in the Middle East and the world.

Wu urged all related parties to take a long-term perspective and build mutual trust so as to restart the peace talks and make substantive progress. Ayalon expressed his appreciation of China’s mediation efforts and voiced Israel’s willingness to resolve unsettled issues with the Palestinians through negotiations. Wu, who arrived here Saturday for a four-day visit to the region, will head to the WestBank Monday to meet with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat. —Xinhua

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**Gunmen kill five Afghan civilians**

**JALALABAD, 22 Oct — Unknown gunmen sneaked into a house and killed five members of the family in Nangarhar Province 125 km east of Kabul on Sunday night and after brutally killing five civilians, all male members of the family, made their good escape," district governor, Shukullah told Xinhua.**

He also stated that a woman was left injured in the incident. Without pointing finger at any particular groups or individuals, the official said investigation had been launched to identify and arrest the culprits. —Xinhua

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**Two bombs explode in police station in C Sulawesi, Indonesia**

**JAKARTA, 22 Oct — Two bombs exploded in a police station in Poso town at Central Sulawesi on Monday morning, wounding two policemen and one security guard, local television reported.**

The bombs, put at the front and back sides of the police station, exploded at 06:15 am local time, Metro television said.

The television footage showed the station after the bomb attack, and part of the building was damaged. Dozens of policemen were caged in the scene and investigation was underway. —Xinhua

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Pyithu Hluttaw session continues for third day

Pyithu Hluttaw regular session continued for third day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw complex here this afternoon, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, 387 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and 65 youth observers from Kokang Self-Administered Zone.

Four questions were answered, and one proposal and one report submitted.

The meeting came to an end at 1.45 pm and the Hluttaw continues for fourth day at 10 am on 23 October.—NLM

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Even King Juan Carlos I of Spain was briefly distracted from the affairs of state by the incredible drama unfolding at Medinah.

He watched most of it,” said Garcia who is set to finish his season in Dubai, Thailand and Malaysia. “He couldn’t watch much on Sunday but he had the video set up for him to make sure he enjoyed it later.

“We chatted for about half an hour,” he added in reference to the special audience granted to Garcia, Europe skipper Jose Maria Olazabal and vice-captain Miguel Angel Jimenez at the Palace de la Zarzuela in Madrid last week.

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Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye replied that respective combined forces of Fisheries Department could their functions.

EU trade chief says Europe and China don’t need a trade war

UK’s Cameron to fight back on crime after grim week

Miss Japan wins Miss International 2012

No restriction at money exchange counter: Dy F&R Minister

Money exchange counters have no restrictions barring the customers except the maximum exchangeable amount of US$ 10,000, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Maung Maung Thein said at Pyithu Hluttaw session today.

He made the comment while answering the question raised by Dr Than Win of North Okkalapa Constituency who called for removal of restrictions at official money exchange counters and crackdown of the black market of the foreign exchange.

Foreign notes with folds or flaws or old notes are not accepted by the money exchange counters, actually in most part of Myanmar.

The deputy minister guaranteed to negotiate with the central bank to accept these notes. According to official figures, 62 money exchange counters run by six local banks are in operation in Myanmar since a year ago.—NLM

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