**President U Thein Sein receives Australian Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations and for Financial Services and Superannuation**

*Nay Pyi Taw, 23 Oct—*

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations and for Financial Services and Superannuation The Hon. Bill Shorten of Australia at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace at 9:30 am today.

Present at the call together with the President U Thein Sein were Union Ministers U Tin Naing Thein, U Win Myint, Dr Mya Aye, Dr Kan Zaw and Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw and U Myint Tain and other officials from the President Office, Australian Minister The Hon. Bill Shorten was accompanied by Australian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms. Bronte Nadine Moules and delegation members.

At the call, both sides had cordial discussions on cooperation in education, health, social and other sector-wise matters of the two countries, human resources development of Myanmar and job creation mining industry, telecommunications technology, tourism, financial services and energy sector.

**Contestants from regions, states participate in Performing Arts Competition**

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The 19th Myanmar National Races’ Traditional Performing Arts Competition continued at the designated places in Yeinzin Universities’ Campus in Zeyathiri Township today.

Contestants from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan, Chin states and Sagaing, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady, Mandalay, Yangon, Taninthayi regions participated in modern song singing, marionette, xylophone, violin, mandolin, guitar and oboe contests.

Among the spectators were Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Dr Maung Maung Htay, members of working committee and subcommittee, members of the panel of judges at central and region and states levels and students.

**Myanmar shooting team win one gold, one silver**

*Yangon, 23 Oct—*

Shooting teams from 20 countries of Southeast Asia, Asia and Europe took part in the Invitation Shooting Open of Thailand from 16 to 22 October.

Myanmar shooting team participated in three shooting events of 16. Thanyin Saw (Forestry), Thu Thu Kyaw (Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement) and Aye Aye Thin (A&I) secured one gold medal in the women’s team 50-m 22 rifle prone event, followed by shooting team of Thailand in the second position and UAE the third.

In the men’s singles’ 50-m 22 rifle prone event, shooters from Thailand stood first and second and Lin Aung (SPED) from Myanmar the third.

The victorious Myanmar shooting team comprising four manager/coaches, four male shooters and three female shooters, seven referees and juries totalling 19 led by President of Myanmar Shooting Federation U Htet Nyi arrived back here by air yesterday evening.

*Ma Khing Thin Kyi of Ayeyawady Region taking part in Medolin contest (basic education level aged 10-15).* —MNA
Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham back from Cambodia after attending former Cambodian King’s funeral ceremony

New initiatives for CESR set up in Myanmar

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham arrives in Phnom Penh of Cambodia

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In the afternoon, they flew to Phnom Penh via Bangkok and arrived at 3:20 pm local time. Cambodian Minister for Tourism Mr Thong Khom, Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Cho Tun Aung, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Ye Naing Myo and staff from embassy and military attaché office welcomed them at Phnom Penh International Airport. After that, they proceeded to Cambodiana Hotel in Phnom Penh by car.

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham, accompanied by officials, left Yangon for Bangkok on 21 October and arrived at Suvarnabhumi International Airport in Bangkok of Thailand at 11.5 am local time. The Vice-President and party were welcomed at Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Tin Win, Military Attaché Col Win Maung and embassy staff there.

After Deputy Minister for Education Dr Myo Myint, on behalf of the Union Education Minister, delivering a speech, JESWG Vice-Chairman Mr. Ramesh Shrestha and The Hon. Bill Shorten Mp, Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations and for Financial Services and Su-perannuation, extended greetings. Director-General of the Education, Planning and Training Department U Bo Win explained the procedures of CESR.

Mr. Thong Khom, the Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham, arrived back here by air at 1:45 pm and was welcomed by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Cambodian Charge d’ Affaires Mrs. Tuot Kunthea and officials at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham being welcomed by officials at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Photo shows arrival of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham in Phnom Penh.

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Minister U Nyan Win formally opened the power plants. At the meeting hall of Township General Administration Department, he met members of village electrification committees of Zigon and Natinal Township.—MNA

Two new power plants opened in Thayawady

Minister for Cooperation in research with some universities from Myanmar and six universities of Japan including Nagasaki University of Japan held a discussion on measures for cooperation in research and development partners and distinguished persons.

After a ceremony to start implementing the programmes for Comprehensive Education Sector Review (CESR) in Myanmar took place at Thingaha Hotel, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura Kyi, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye and some universities from Japan eager to cooperate in Myanmar’s education sector.

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Time running out for Czech prime minister to save government

Czech Republic’s Prime Minister and Chairman of the Civic Democratic Party (ODS) Petr Necas arrives at a news conference at the party’s headquarters in Prague on 23 April, 2012.—Reuters

At 8 am (0600 GMT), a working group of Necas’ backers and the rebels will try to hammer out a compromise, ahead of a parliamentary session that starts later on Tuesday and should debate the tax bill, with the final vote possible as soon as Friday.

An attempt to force the rebels back into line, Necas tied the vote with a confidence motion in his cabinet. The rebels, whose votes Necas needs to secure a majority, have so far not blinked, saying tax hikes would anger voters.

“Moving away from our agenda, not keeping our word leads to shameful election results and now the issue is not just the tax package but the future of the right in this country,” one of the dissenters, Petr Tuchor, said on Monday. The mood in the party has been souring in recent weeks as the rebel group showed no signs of being ready to compromise, party officials said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Party leaders have questioned whether the real motivation, rather than the tax laws that the rebels had backed in previous votes, was to remove Necas as prime minister or the party chief at a congress on 2-4 November.

Necas may try to move the final vote on the tax bill raising value-added tax rates by 1 percentage point to 15 and 21 percent next year and slapping higher taxes on top earners, until after the congress where he hopes to defend his post.

An opinion poll showed on Monday support for the ruling party has dropped to 16.5 percent, its worst in 15 years. If the government falls, parliament may agree to call an early election. —Reuters

Czech Republic

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Obama, Romney

kick off foreign policy debate

BOCA RATON, 23 October—US President Barack Obama and his Republican rival Mitt Romney were starting Monday night on duel to foreign policy issues in their third and final face-to-face encounter.

The debate came 15 days before voters choose a new White House occupant.

The face-off in Lynn University in Boca Raton of Florida could turn out consequential in a very tight race as latest polls show the duo neck-and-neck among likely voters.

Moderator Bob Schieffer from CBS News has selected five topics for the 90-minute event, namely America’s role in the world, the war in Afghanistan, Iran’s nuclear issue, the changing Middle East and the new face of terrorism, and the rise of China. While foreign policy has been a strength of Obama throughout the campaigns, the Democratic incumbent has found his advantage narrowing to a mere four percentage points, a contraction of 11 points from last month, following his lackluster performance in the first presidential debate on 3 October, and his rebound in the next encounter on 16 October has failed to regain the lead.

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### Science

**In vulnerable Greece, mosquitoes bite back**

![A Culex quinquefasciatus mosquito on a human finger in this undated handout photograph from the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. (CDC).](https://www.cdc.gov/dengue/humanmosquito.jpg)

New York, 23 Oct—When it seems things couldn’t get any worse for Greece, the exhausted and indebted country has a new threat to deal with: mosquitoes-borne diseases.

Species of the blood-sucking insects that can carry exotic-sounding tropical infections like malaria, West Nile Virus, chikungunya and dengue fever are enjoying the extra bit of warmth climate change is bringing to parts of southern Europe.

While Greece has had no cases of chikungunya in the past three years, the disease is popping up elsewhere in Europe—as is dengue, which is causing a large outbreak on the Portuguese island of Madeira [ID: 45858LCJ].

At the University of Thessaly, Christos Hadjichristodoulou, a consultant for the Hellenic Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (HCDCP) says the return of mosquito-borne diseases is primarily an issue of not health, but of immigration.

A country of 11 million people, Greece is a major gateway for Asian and African migrants trying to make more than a million immigrant, both legal and illegal.

“We get a lot of immigrants from malaria-endemic countries like Pakistan and Afghanistan who spread throughout the country, including to areas where the risk is high because we have the vectors (mosquitoes),” said Hadjichristodoulou.

This includes places like the rural municipal- 16 on 11 October.ity of Evrotas, where many of Greece’s malaria cases have been found.

Here some 4,000 poor people and mainly Asian migrants work in fields producing oranges and olive oil, ir-ngated by 130 kilometres of canals. Hadjichristodoulou cites a survey of 6,000 immigrants in southern Greece which found that 60 percent of them had an- 
tribulations to malaria in their blood - meaning they had previously been infected with it.

With the form of malaria endemic to Pakistan and Afghanistan, known as vivax malaria, patients can relapse, often several times, allowing the disease to be carried again by a hun- 
gry mosquito and spread to a new victim.

“A Greek from Gevenits, a 41-year-old restaurant owner in the southern town of Agios Georgios Skalas, is sure this is what happened when he fell prey to malaria last year.

### Technology

**Acer third-quarter net profit well below forecasts; tax, FX losses seen**

Taipei, China/23 Oct—

Taiwanese PC maker Acer Inc reported third quarter net profit of T$68 million ($2.32 million), well below estimates. A poll of 18 analysts by Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S produced a mean estimate of T$756 million.

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**Technology**

**Toronto, 23 Oct—**Text messaging is fast and efficient but a new video-sharing application aims to put users in the picture.

The London-based company Six3 has launched a new video-sharing app for the Apple iPhone, which is available on iPhone 4.

Users can also record a message, which must be less than 6.3 seconds long, and send it to other people using the app, or email it and send it to Facebook connections.

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### Video-sharing applications

**Put users in the picture**

Seattle, 23 Oct—There was once a time when the launch of a new Windows operating system was a huge deal for the technology departments in many businesses. Not anymore. Microsoft Corp’s release of Windows 8 on Friday is likely to be a non-event for most companies — and some experts say may never adopt it.

“The system may appear to offer something for everyone: touch-screen functionality for tablet enthusiasts, a slick new interface for the younger set, and multiple versions to make it compatible with traditional desktop PC software. Many businesses, though, say there is no compelling reason to adopt. Indeed, a large number have yet to make the transition to Windows 7 from Windows XP.”

“Acer warned in its outlook. One analyst said the results were announced, “The lower-than-expected net loss was due to a one-off tax issue.”

In the previous quarter it took 8 percent in the third quarter was $1.1 billion.

Consolidated revenue in the third quarter was $104.4 billion, down 5.6 percent compared to the second quarter but up 11.4 percent from a year ago. In January to September, total revenue dropped 5.7 percent compared to a year ago.

Acer shares closed down 0.92 percent before the results were announced, versus the broader market’s 0.48 percent decline.

Grimsditch said most and friends who did not live nearby.

Grimsditch said it is possible to send a video as a text message, but added that the app maintains the quality of the video and provides a coherent way of sending video across various platforms.

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“Windows 8 is, frankly, more of a consumer platform than it is a business platform, so it’s not something that makes any sense from a business perspective at this juncture,” said Doug Johnson, head of risk management policy at the American Bankers Association, whose members are among the world’s biggest technology buyers.
GM says no immediate plans to build cars in Brazil with Peugeot

PARIS, 23 Oct — GM (GM N) has no immediate plans to build cars with French automaker PSA Peugeot Citroen (PEUP PA) in Brazil, the company’s South America chief Jaime Ardila said on Sunday.

“so far the entire focus of the alliance has been Europe and I expect that to continue for some time,” Ardila told reporters at an event ahead of the Sao Paulo Auto Show’s media preview.

Last month, French and Brazilian union officials said PSA Peugeot Citroen and GM were working on plans to build small cars together in Brazil.

Under the tentative plan, the allied automakers would pool production of two new models for Peugeot Citroen and two for GM. No decision had been made on a production site, union officials said.

Ardila added that GM is looking at introducing the Cadillac brand into the South American region, while reiterated that GM sees the sales in the region reaching 1.5 million vehicles a year by 2015.

Ardila also said he still of surmising the South American region being profitable for the company this year.

EU faces two tough months of bargaining to boost euro confidence

PARIS, 23 Oct — European Union leaders face two months of tough bargaining on money, power and the future governance of the euro zone before they can boost confidence that the existential threat to the single currency has faded.

The European Central Bank’s pledge to buy the bonds of struggling euro zone countries in unlimited amounts has changed the terms of Europe’s debt crisis.

Yet French President Francois Hollande may have been a little premature in declaring a turning point last week after another night of summit negotiation yielded a deal for a euro zone banking regulator to be launched next year.

“We are on track to solve the problems that for too long have been paralysing the euro zone and make it vulnerable,” said Hollande. “I again have confirmation that the worst is behind us.”

More nights of horse-trading lie ahead between now and mid-December in which EU states must agree on a common budget for the next seven years, closer fiscal union with more intrusive central supervision of national budgets and possible separate budget for the euro zone, and more support for the most vulnerable euro states.

They will need to decide how to keep Greece afloat if, as expected, it reaches a deal with international creditors to avoid bankruptcy next month in exchange for more drastic spending cuts and structural reforms.

And they may face months of uncertainty over whether Spain, which has already been promised up to 100 billion euros in loans to recapitalise its ailing banks, can avoid a sovereign bailout.

Above all, the euro zone is a long way from returning to the levels of economic growth needed to make its debts more manageable and get millions of angry unemployed back to work. For now, the euro zone remains vulnerable to the financial market turmoil that threatened the very survival of the currency area a few months ago has abated, at the risk of lulling EU leaders back into complacency over what remains to be done.

The European Central Bank removed that acute sense of crisis by agreeing to buy unlimited quantities of short-term bonds of troubled euro zone countries that apply for a rescue programme and accept strict conditions.

“The state of urgency we had over the summer is just not there to the same degree,” said a senior EU official who has been present at every night of summits since the crisis began in late 2009.

There is not the same sense of having our backs to the wall,” he said. “One should know from the way politics works in the European Union that you need a certain sense of crisis to act — that’s the way it works.”

Bayer lung drug shows promise in pulmonary hypertension

FRANKFURT, 23 Oct — Bayer’s experimental riociguat pill showed promise against a life-threatening form of high blood pressure in the lungs, a potential challenge to existing treatments from Actelion and Gilead.

In a late-stage trial, the drug helped people suffering from pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), a progressively worsening condition that can overburden the heart, to better tolerate physical exercise and improve heart function, Bayer said on Monday.

The results will be presented at this week’s annual meeting of the American College of Chest Physicians (ACC P) in Atlanta.

PAH, the cause of which is unknown, affects only about 52 in a million people worldwide, according to Bayer.

Actelion generated 1.52 billion Swiss francs ($1.65 billion) from its established PAH drug Tracleer last year.

Bayer declined to give a sales estimate for its product. Analysts on average saw 2017 sales from riociguat of $480 million before Monday’s news, according to Thomson Reuters Pharma.

As part of the trial, doctors measured how far 13 participants could walk in six minutes before and after 12 weeks of either three-times-daily riociguat or a placebo pill.

Patients on riociguat improved their walking distance by 36 metres on average, while the control group showed no improvement from an initial 330-350 metres, Bayer said.

The riociguat group also had better cardiovascular readings.

A similar improvement in walking distance was also achieved by adding riociguat to an existing Tracleer therapy, the study results showed.

Wall Street is likely to take its cues from quarterly reports as earnings take center stage, with a slew of major companies reporting this week. Companies announcing results on Monday include Caterpillar (CAT N), Yahoo (YHOO O) and Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold (FCX N).

European stock’s FTEU3 fell 0.1 percent, with a key index slipping further from a one-month high hit last week as investors worried about corporate profits after a string of disappointing results.

US agriculture giant Archer Daniels Midland (ADM N) has bid $2.8 billion for GrainCorp (GNC AX), sending shares in Australia’s last independent grains handler soaring, as markets bet on a higher offer price or rival bids being flushed out.

An investor grouped by private equity firm Permira Advisers LLP has agreed to buy genealogy website Ancestry.com Inc (ACOM O) for about $1.5 billion, or $32 a share, the Wall Street Journal reported, citing people familiar with the deal.

China’s top leaders have asked policy think tanks to draw up their most ambitious economic reform proposals for the post-decade that could curtail the power of state firms and give more freedom to the setting of interest rates and the yuan currency.
New market for gradually-populated Kyaukpaudaung Township under construction

Kyaukpaudaung, 23 Oct — For the convenience of local people in Kyaukpaudaung Township that sees an increase in population and urbanization, a new market is under construction on an area of 4.06 acres between Thudhammasari and Atulawaddy streets in Tamawaddy ward by Myanmar Khit Co. under the supervision of Tamawaddy Market supervisory committee and Township Development Affairs Committee.

It is learnt that 25 construction of new market started from July, 2012 has completed by 25 per cent.

Mahatma Gandhi’s 143rd Birthday observed in Mandalay

Monywa, 23 Oct — Organized by Indian Consulate General in Mandalay, a ceremony to observe the 143rd of Indian Peace Leader Mahatma Gandhi took place at the hall of Hotel Mandalay, here, on 2 October, attended by faculty members of the universities, media men and members of social organizations. First, the Indian Consul-General extended greetings. Sein Myint, Advocate U Tun Aung Kyaw and Writer Ma Hnin Aung gave talks about Mahatma Gandhi at the ceremony. Those present placed garlands of flowers on the statue of Mahatma Gandhi, and the youths sung a song for Mahatma Gandhi, Architect of Peace.

The United Nations observed International Day of Non-Violence on 2 October, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi.

Upgrading of Maha Bandoola Park in progress

Yangon, 23 Oct — With the aim of upgrading the park for relaxation and recreation of the people in Yangon, Parks and Playground Department of Yangon City Development Commission is upgrading Maha Bandoola Park established in 1924 between Sule Pagoda Road and Merchant Street in Kyauktada Township.

Alongwith upgrading of the park, pavements of Sule Pagoda Road, Merchant Street, Maha Bandoola Road and Maha Bandoola Park Street were repaired.

Winners of photo contest awarded

Kyemon

Yangon, 23 Oct — As part of efforts for seeking ways and means for development of Myanmar tourism sector, Myanmar Hoteliers’ Association (Nwrebaung) organized a photo contest as its promotion programme and awarded winners of the contest at Dagon Centre (2), here, on 20 October.

Photos taken from the previous open season to May of this year were allowed to compete in the contest, and the prize presentation ceremony was held in October, the first month of the open season for globe trotters.

“...A total of 323 photos took part in the contest. Myanmar Photographer’s Association selected these photos in accord with its rules and regulations. Interesting photos were chosen as prize-winning photos steps by steps, and cash awards — K 500,000 for first prize-winner, K 300,000 for second prize-winner and K 200,000 prize-winner for third prize-winner and K 50,000 for consolation prize-winner were presented”, said a responsible person of the association.

Such kind of Photo Contest will be held in 2003 for the fourth time, and those who love photography may participate in the contest.

Community-based mobile clinic performs health care services

Thongwa, 23 Oct — As part of its efforts for providing medical treatment to local people, the community-based mobile clinic performed health care services at Maha Atulawaddy Sasana. Ma Hninsi Aung gave talks to the local people and Township of Yangon.

On 23 October, the India Consulate General in Mandalay, the Myanmar Khet Co., Myanma Khit Co., and Myanma Khit Co. gave away snacks to children of Kindergarten run by Thongwa Township People’s Committee.

Narcotic drugs found from car blaze

Yangon, 23 Oct — According to the information that a car was blazing near mile post 308/8 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway, Commander of Mahlaing Township Police Force Captain Tin Maung Myint and Theegon Police Station Commander IP Min Lwin led by Commander of Meiktila Distric Police Station Poli-Col Maung Maung Myint inspected the burning car near Taungkyayoe Bridge having SUB Hitummmes level and BU: 11000. These quality coals are transported to industrial zones in Yangon and Mandalay.

A local says “job creation can be witnessed not only in coal mining but also in docking of coal ships. Local graduates work in Mahlaing Township on 14 October. The burning car was located on the way to Mandalay of Yangon—Mandalay Highway. It was a Hills Surf.

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Coal mining create job opportunities for locals

Kalay, 23 Oct — Private-owned coal mining in Kalewa Thitchaung region in Sagaing Region is creating job opportunities for local people. Tun Thwin Co., Max Coals are mined commercially at State-owned coal mining which was shut down in 2010 by Myanmar Khit Co., and Hoo Han Co... Coals found in Kalewa Thitchaung coal mine are famous for its qualities of being clean coal.

Don dance rehearsed

Myawady 23 Oct — The Don Competition to mark the 57th Anniversary of Kayin State will be organized in Thit spots ground in Hpa-an on 7 November KayinDonompe representing Myawady District rehearsed for the competition at Thaungyin Hall of the township yesterday. Myawady District Don troupe won first prize three times in succession. Under the supervision of official concerned, members of the troupe are having dancing practice for upcoming event.
Senior Officials Training Course commences

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—The Inauguration Ceremony of the Senior Officials’ Training Course No (1) for Myanmar’s ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014, jointly conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the International Management Group—an international governmental organization chosen as an implementing arm of the European Union and Norway for that project—was held at Zabuthiri Hotel, here, at 1 pm today with an opening address delivered by U Tin Oo, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The EU and Norway funded Training Course will be conducted from 23 October to 2 November and 50 senior officials from 16 Ministries and the Office of the Hluttaw would take part in it. It is the first in a series of training courses for Myanmar officials in preparation for Myanmar’s ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014. The resource persons for the training course are from Thailand and Singapore, with experience in organizing meetings for ASEAN Chairmanship.

Also present at the occasion were Ambassador and officials from Embassies of Thailand, Singapore and EU, Directors-General under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, responsible personnel from International Management Group and senior officials (trainees).

Preliminary health care provided to hip conjoined twins

MANDALAY, 23 Oct—Prepliminary medical checkup has been provided at hip conjoined twins Aung Khant Kyaw and Aung Myat Kyaw by Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Kyaw Myint, pediatricians and surgical specialists at Mandalay Children’s Hospital(550-bed) on 9 October.

They are under care at the intensive care unit. The children are being nurtured with nutritious foods for reaching the designated body weight and water conservation operations. Pediatrician Dr Aung Mya and specialists are making preparations for performing surgical operations at the twins in the last week of November. It is the first time surgical operation at hip conjoined twins in Myanmar. Those wishing to donate medical equipment for the children may dial 02-24916. The children were born of U Win Toe-Daw Mya Thanda of Htunbo Village of Sagaing Township on 15 May 2011. The medical superintendent explained that the surgical operation may be more difficult due to male sex.

Myanmar rowing team prepares to secure gold medals

YANGON, 23 Oct—The SEA Games which is the high sports meet in Southeast Asian region is being held once two years. Myanmar will host the XXVII SEA Games and it will be the third time of the nation.

Although the sports competitions are to be held over one year ahead of schedules, sports federations in the nation are making preparations to meet the golden aims. In this case, rowing team that secured the largest amount of gold medals in the previous SEA Games held in Indonesia in 2011 is one of the sports teams. Myanmar Rowing Federation bagged 10 gold, six silver and three bronze medals in the XXVI SEA Games. At present, the federation is making preparations with 105 rowers for taking part in the XXVII SEA Games. A plan is under way to select more new generation rowers.

“At present, we start training camp with 105 rowers in vigorous training. They were picked out from the trials held from 1 to 10 October. Arrangements are being made to recruit more new generation rowers. Among 105 rowers, a total of 65 rowers are to take part in the traditional boat race, 13 in canoeing and kayak event and 27 in the international rowing event. Now, they are under training at Inya Lake. In the early 2013, they will be under training at Ngaklu Dam in Nya Pyi Taw, said Joint Secretary U Myat Kyaw. Myanmar Rowing Team is constituted of Managers U Pe Win (General Secretary of Myanmar Rowing Federation and U Myat Kyaw (Joint Secretary, Myanmar Traditional Rowing Federation, coaches U Win Pe (traditional rowing), U Thein Win (traditional rowing), U Khin Maung Myint (Canoeing and kayak), U Thura Han (International Rowing), U Kyaw Win, U Zaw Lwin Tun and U Aye Win.

The rowing event of the coming SEA Games will award 42 gold medals—17 each in canoeing and kayak and eight in international. Joint Secretary U Myat Kyaw disclosed, “At present, there is no plan to take part in the international competitions abroad. But, a plan has set to take joint exercises. The canoeing and kayak teams will leave for Changmai of Thailand to take joint exercise from 9 to 23 December. The traditional rowing team will be hired. The coach will be hired. The coach will be from China. For international rowing team, an Australian coach will be hired. The teams of the federation pledged to bag the largest number of gold medals in the coming SEA Games.”

The rowing team is now in preparations to be able to bring honour to the State by securing gold medals in the XXVII SEA Games.

Myanmar Alinn
**PERSPECTIVES**

**Wednesday, 24 October, 2012**

**Blooming multicolour flowers**

All along the history and up till now, performing arts of Myanmar national races have been flourishing well according to their own forms, styles, languages, character and elegance not only in a single place but also in the length and breadth of the country.

For example, Manaw dance of Kachin people is admired by the whole Union. Deeku dance of Kayah people, Don dance of Kayin people, Wa-hnyat dance of Chin people, Tabindaing dance of Bamar people, Hinthu couple dance of Mon people, Shandai dance of Rakhine people, and Keinmara dance of Shan people are well-known in every part of the Union.

All in all, all the performing arts of Myanmar national races are based on the movements of head, waist, leg, and hand. They all have within the scope of Tribhinga or the circular movement dance as defined by the performing arts academics. There may be differences in the size, the number, the scale, and the beat in musical instruments, but they all never deviate from five basic musical instruments of Myanmar national races — brass instruments, string instruments, leather instruments, wind instruments, and bamboo clappers.

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The lawmakers raised questions and participated in discussion.

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**Talks on industrial sector development spread**

**NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct——** The Ministry of Industry held a national level talks on development of industrial sector at the meeting hall of the ministry, here, this morning.

Chairman of Industrial Sector Development Committee Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Than said that talks should be launched in a transparent manner to be effective in developing industrial sector, a crucial role in making the country developed, as he gave a speech on the occasion.

After that, Union Industry Minister U Aye Myint assured that the findings from such talks would be brought into the benefits of the State and public.

Union Industry Minister U Aye Myint overviewed the ideas from resource persons on development of industrial sector.

**5th Myanmar-China anti-human trafficking meeting held**

**NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct——** The fifth meeting of Myanmar-China anti-human trafficking was held at the People’s Republic of China from 16 to 18 October.

It was attended by Joint-Secretary of Central Committee for anti-Human Trafficking Police Chief of Staff Brig-Gen Khin Maung Si and officers from related departments, representatives from UNIAAP, UNICEF and International organizations.

To implement work plans including 13 facts are agreed. Both countries are making efforts to prevent human trafficking by forcing Myanmar girls to marry China men.

There occurred 84 such cases in 2012. Actions had been taken against 213 human traffickers in connection with these cases from which 173 victims could be saved.

A total of 87 girls saved by Chinese police force were handed over to Myanmar. Border Liaison Office-BLO are opened in Muse-Shweli and Lwegyl-Kyanphone to prevent such transnational human trafficking.

At the meeting, they discussed the opening of new BLO in Lauk-Namhsam soon.

**Ayeyawady Region Hlutaw session goes on**

**NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct——** Fishery tenders and licensing system were put at the top of the agenda of Ayeyawady Region Hlutaw as the regional parliament convened for the fifth day yesterday.

Twenty questions were raised and answered at the session while three bills were put at the top of the agenda for submission of new proposals and discussion of 2012-2013 estimated budget and 2013-2014 budget.

The meeting set dates for submission of new proposals and discussion of 2012-2013 estimated budget and 2013-2014 budget.

**NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR**

There is a flurry of tourists these days!

Be aware! You would be mistaken as foreigners when census is taken.

Shwe Ko Oo

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U Win Myint of Pyay Constituency raised the question of U Kyi Tha of Gwa Constituency on “how the government designates the range of medium and small power distribution of Region or State?” the deputy minister replied that the government has yet to designate it exactly. The plant with installed capacity of less than 10 megawatt should be designated as small, with the capacity of between 10-30 megawatt, medium, and with the capacity of above 30 megawatt, heavy one. It would be proposed in Electric Law (bill). Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than replied to the questions of two representatives on farm sector. With respect to the question of U Min of Kayawkaw Constituency on “is there a plan to protect farm lands from the flood in the rainy season in Kayawkaw Township”, the deputy minister said that it needs to redesign Bago-Sittoung canal bank and construct Bonemassoe sluice gate. After completion of feasibility study and survey, it will be implemented in the coming 2013-2014 financial year based on the fund received. U Tha Sue of Thazi Constituency raised the question of U Than Myint of Winwintwin Constituency on “if there is any plan to help arrange the sale centers for crops and vegetables and the rescale of technology and crops,” the deputy minister replied that the seeds distribution has started since the 2011-2012 monsoon paddies growing season. For the extensive growing and market, coordinations are being made with Myanmar Rice Dealers Association, Ayeayihanta Paddy Specialized Company so as to purchase them with fixed prices in advance.

Cash aid to rural areas’ road construction granted

31 March 2012, the matter of sugar license has been under the supervision of Region/State governments. He answered that K 8.89 million would be allotted in the rural development projects of the Ministry of Border Affairs for 2013-14 fiscal year. K 17 million to be spent in upgrading of Taungsaekone village road into gravel road in Minihla Township would be allotted, and K 17 million on upgrading of Paybindan village road for 2014-15 fiscal year. Tharinyw village road would be upgraded by Bago Region government and public contributions. He replied that Public Works would upgrade the four-furlong long ring road section of Minih and build three conduits with the use of K 86.23 million from Chin State government funds for 2012-13 fiscal year. The remaining section would be built with the contribution of K 25 million of the funds. At the second stage, The Ministry of Border Affairs would spend K 91.92 million from its funds for 2013-14 fiscal year in upgrading Bo Kyaw Oo road section of the ring road. Regarding the question about upgrading of Paleku-Yebyu-Kyaukhahtin-Natwin village-to-village road, he promised K 358.75 million would be spent form the funds of Taninthayi Region government. A Uang Thao Oo replied to the questions of two representatives on farm sector. With respect to the question of U Khin Maung Myint of Kayakaw Constituency on “is there a plan to protect farm lands from the flood in the rainy season in Kayawkaw Township”, the deputy minister said that it needs to redesign Bago-Sittoung canal bank and construct Bonemassoe sluice gate. After completion of feasibility study and survey, it will be implemented in the coming 2013-2014 financial year based on the fund received. U Tha Sue of Thazi Constituency raised the question of U Than Myint of Winwintwin Constituency on “if there is any plan to help arrange the sale centers for crops and vegetables and the rescale of technology and crops,” the deputy minister replied that the seeds distribution has started since the 2011-2012 monsoon paddies growing season. For the extensive growing and market, coordinations are being made with Myanmar Rice Dealers Association, Ayeayihanta Paddy Specialized Company so as to purchase them with fixed prices in advance.

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Reform of National Races Literature and Cultural Troops Groups Under Discussion

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Government to empower the States and Regions to implement national races literature and cultural troops groups”, submitted by U Khet Hein Nan from Kachin State Constituency No. (1). Those wishing to partake in the discussion about the proposal are to register. The meeting came to end at 1.45 pm today. —NLM
Killing of security chief raises fears for Lebanon

BEIRUT, 23 Oct — The Beirut car bomb that killed a top Lebanese security official will probably prove to be the most destabilizing attack in Lebanon since the 2005 assassination of former prime minister Rafik al-Hariri. What is less clear — and something that instills fear in a society still scarred by its 1975-90 civil war — is whether the attack was a reprisal or the start of a campaign of violence by Damascus and its allies, suspected by many Lebanese of trying to spread Syria’s conflict across its borders.

Lebanon, which has yet to fully overcome its own wartime sectarian divisions, is too fragile to withstand being enveloped by a Syrian conflict that is beginning to mirror Lebanon’s own slide into fratricidal bloodletting. Wissam al-Hassan, the security official who died with seven others on Friday, was buried with full honours on Sunday at the Rafik al-Hariri mosque, the heart of the former premier’s reconstruction legacy in central Beirut. The funeral turned into a political rally against Syria and its local allies in Lebanon.

Hassan is thought to have been targeted because in August, after a carefully planned sting operation, his Internal Security Forces intelligence unit arrested a former Lebanese cabinet minister close to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. The minister, Michel Samaha, is charged with transporting Syrian-assembled bombs to launch attacks on sectarian targets in Lebanon. Two Syrian officers, including General Ali Mamdouk, were indicted with Samaha in a humiliating blow to Assad and an unprecedented move against Lebanon’s dominant neighbour.

As world helps shot Pakistani girl, Afghans ask “what about us?”

KABUL, 23 Oct — The global attention bestowed on a Pakistani schoolgirl shot by the Taliban has sparked outcry amongst many Afghans dismayed by what they say is the unequal response to the plight of their women and children. Malala Yousufzai, shot by Taliban gunmen for advocating girls’ education, was flown from Pakistan to Britain to receive treatment after the attack this month which drew widespread condemnation and an international outpouring of support.

“Every day an Afghan girl is abused, raped, has acid thrown on her face and mutilated. Yet no one remembers or acknowledges these girls,” Elay Ershad, who represents the nomadic Kuchi people in Afghanistan parliament, told Reuters.

Echoing concerns of other prominent Afghan women, Ershad said the government took no real interest in women’s rights, instead using the issue for political gain and currying favor with Western backers, a claim Kabul has dismissed as untrue. President Hamid Karzai has repeatedly condemned Yousufzai’s shooting, even using it to address women’s rights in his country: “The people of Afghanistan ... see this attempt not only against (Yousufzai) but also against all Afghans girls,” he said last week.

The closest Karzai has come this year to deeming violence against women in Afghanistan, as seen on the scale he has done with Yousufzai, was in July when gunmen publicly executed a 22-year-old woman, named Najiba, for alleged adultery, which prompted an international outcry.

“If the president does not care about Afghan women in general, why does he suddenly care about Malala?” Ershad asked. “No one (here) ever seeks justice once the television cameras are turned off.” The United Arab Emirates provided the plane taking Yousufzai to Britain, while British officials said the Pakistani government was footing the bill for her lengthy treatment in Birmingham. Karzai has told Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari that the attack was proof the two needed to tackle a common enemy, a move widely seen as an attempt to soothe ties between the neighbours amid bickering over Pakistan’s lawless border.

Afghan airstrike kills six Taleban including key commander

ISLAMABAD, 23 Oct — Six Taleban militants, including Mawlawi Naqibullah, a key commander, were killed in Wardak Province 35 km west of capital Kabul as their hideout came under air attack on early Monday morning, police said.

“A group of Taleban rebels were meeting in a house in Chak district at 01:00 am local time to chalk out terror attacks when the aircraft of NATO-led coalition forces stormed the hideout, killing six militants including Taleban key commander Mawlawi Naqibullah,” police spokesman Abdul Wali told Xinhua.

He also said that Mawlawi Ghulam the shadowy governor of Taleban militants in Chak district was also killed in the attack. No civilians were injured, he added.

The elimination of Mawlawi Naqibullah is a major setback to the Taleban outfit in Wardak and adjoining provinces as he had organized Taleban operations in the province, he said. Taleban militants fighting the government are yet to make comment.

Pakistan seeks extradition of Taleban leader

ISLAMABAD, 23 Oct — Pakistan has sought extradition of Mullah Fazulullah, a Taleban leader hiding in Afghanistan who has been accused of planning attacks on Pakistani posts and villages, local media reported late Sunday.

Fazulullah, who had fled to Afghanistan following the 2009 military operation in Swat valley in northwestern Pakistan, is now operating in Afghanistan’s Kunar Province, officials say.

Geo TV reported that Pakistan also sought the US help in meetings with US special envoy, Marc Grossman, in Islamabad on Saturday. Grossman met Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar and Army Chief General Ashfaq Pervaiz Kayani. Pakistan has also accused Fazulullah of planning attacks on Malala Yousufzai, a 14-year-old, earlier this month, in Swat.

Taleban said they attacked Malala Yousufzai for her campaign against their movement. Malalahas now been flown to Britain and is now under treatment in a British hospital.

The report said Foreign Minister Kayani raised the issue of the activities of Pakistani Taleban on the Afghan soil with the US envoy and requested him to use influence to ask the Afghan government to extradite Fazulullah.

The US envoy was told that Fazulullah is hiding in Afghanistan along with his fighters who were re-grouped for attacks on Pakistani posts and villages, the TV channel quoted officials as saying.

Pakistan said that the issue was also raised with ISAF and Afghan authorities on several occasions but Taleban is still routinely launching attacks on post and villages in Pakistan.

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Indian Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (3rd L) addresses a weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem on 21 Oct, 2012. Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday dismissed European Union criticism of an Israeli government plan to build apartments in a disputed Jerusalem area. He told the cabinet meeting that the Jewish state was not placing any limitations on construction in Jerusalem.

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China, Malaysia pledge further cooperation in law enforcement

**KUALA LUMPUR, 23 Oct—** China and Malaysia pledged to further cooperation in law enforcement on Monday, with the senior officials from both countries reaching broad agreement in various issues related to fighting against trans-national crimes.

Meng Jianzhuan, Chinese State Councilor, who was in Malaysia to attend the first working group meeting between the law enforcement agencies, hailed the practical and highly efficient cooperation in law enforcement between the two countries in fighting terrorism, drugs smuggling, online gambling, Chinese firms to attend Cuba’s trade fair

**HAVANA, 23 Oct—** total of 62 Chinese companies will attend the 30th Havana International Trade Fair (FIHAV) scheduled for on 4-10 Nov, a Chinese diplomat said here on Monday.

The number marks a 55-percent rise from the previous year, when some 40 Chinese firms attended the fair at Expocuba, the island country’s largest expo venue, said Ma Keqiang, the economic and commercial attaché of Chinese Embassy in Cuba.

Chinese firms are expected to occupy some 1,000 square meters of the exposition floor to exhibit a wide variety of primarily industrial products, including construction machinery, appliances and electronics, said Ma.

Among the participating Chinese companies is the Zhejiang Geely Automotive Corporation, one of the growing automobile-makers in China, which will showcase its newest models.

The city successfully created replicas of centuries-old gourd kiln and mantou (steamed bun) in 2010 and 2011, the city successfully created replicas of centuries-old gourd kiln and mantou kiln respectively. Besides kindling the dragon kiln for the first time, ceramists on last Friday also lighted replicas of “dragon kiln,” which gets its name from its dragon-like shape, was widely used in China’s Song Dynasty (960-1279) to produce greenish-white porcelain, a landmark achievement in the Chinese-making history. The replica is not the first of its kind in Jinglechen, which in 2009 recreated the 360-year-old wood-fired kiln, the largest of its kind. In 2010 and 2011, the city successfully created replicas of centuries-old gourd kiln and mantou kiln respectively. Besides kindling the dragon kiln for the first time, ceramists on last Friday also lighted replicas of “dragon kiln” and mantou kiln, to mark the efforts to revive the country’s historic porcelain-making practices.

**Trade**

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More than 1,500 exhibitors from 62 countries and regions have confirmed their planned attendance at FIAHVA 2012, a 15-percent rise on the previous year.

**Crime**

**DHIKA, 23 Oct—**Acid attacks still common in Bangladesh

Acid attacks are still common in many parts of Bangladesh and the majority of victims are women, most of them below 20 years old.

Downy, previous enmity, refusal in love proposal or marriage, land dispute and illicit extra-marital relationship are the main reasons behind such heinous crime in the impoverished nation of about 153 million people, mostly Muslims. The incidents of acid attacks rose sharply in the 1990s in Bangladesh as there was no specific law to deal with the crime and regulate the sale of acids.

The good news is that the numbers of acid attacks in Bangladesh started plummeting in recent years although the overall situation still remains a matter of grave concern.

The number of acid attacks had reduced by over 74 percent to 91 in 2011 compared to 2001 and 2002 levels when the figures stood at 351 and 494 respectively, statistics from the Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF) revealed.

Some 73 people were victimized in 52 incidents of acid attacks so far this year, the ASF said. The main goal of the foundation is to create awareness and prevent acid attacks and to provide victims with medical and legal assistance.

According to a television documentary on acid violence in Bangladesh, an Englishman, named John Morrison, established the foundation in May 1999 in collabo-ration with United Nations Children’s Fund and some Bangladesh’s develop-ment-partners.

“The majority of vic-tims of acid violence are women and young girls. If you look at motive behind the violence, a large portion is because of land disputes. And even if the women are not direct beneficiaries of land they bore the brunt of the attacks because they are easy targets,” Farina Ahmed, head of program of ASF, has recently told Xinhua.

In some cases, she said, it is also because a young girl or woman has spurned the sexual advances of a male or either she or her parents have rejected a proposal of marriage. Accord-ing ASF, there have been severe acid attacks on children, older women and also men in recent years. Women who have survived acid attacks have great difficulty in find-ing work and, if unmarried (or victims are minors), have very little chance of ever getting married. Fatima said that most survivors of acid attacks experienced social isolation which af-fected their self-esteem and economic status.

Most of the attacks oc-curred in the remote places of the country where sulfuric acid is easily available for variable uses, according to Farina.

“ASF is providing ho-listic support to survivors of acid victims. We run a hospital, where all the survivors are able to get reconstructive surgery or plastic surgery, and offer physiotherapy and counseling,” Farina added.

According to Fatima, the foundation also helps victims to return to normal life. “We provide economic rehabilitation for vic-tims by giving them income generating support or job opportunities and also assis-tance for them to continue their studies,” she said.

Aside from the ASF, some private groups, such as the Prothom Alo, Bang-la-desh’s leading Bengali daily, also joined in the campaign against acid attacks. In 2000, the paper established the Prothom Alo Acid Attack Victims Foundation for the vic-tims of acid attacks.

Farina said that they have launched the “Use Water Campaign” as part of raising awareness against acid attacks.

Afrina Sharmin, a sen-iormedical officer at ASF, said there is no medicine that can reduce the effect of acid immediately after an attack and the only option is to use normal water in the burnt portion of body.

“We are campaigning what people need to do immediately after the attack. We mainly suggest people to pour water on the body for more than half an hour to reduce damage,” Sharmin said. Apart from killing, acid attacks usu-allyamputate and disfigure most of the survivors, leaving permanent scars and even blindness that can make daily life difficult for the victims, especially if the victims live in a place without quality healthcare and no social support.

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**REGIONAL**

China’s aged population to more than double by 2053

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Cultural ministers to meet over heritage protection, sustainable development
PARIS, 23 Oct—Cultural ministers from south-eastern European countries are to meet in Bulgaria on Thursday to discuss heritage protection and sustainable development, the United Nations Education- al, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) announced on Monday.
Cultural ministers from 13 south-eastern European countries are to meet in Bulgaria on Thursday to discuss heritage protection and sustainable development, according to the UNESCO.
Participants will discuss issues concerning the reinforcement of regional cooperation on capacity-building and the exchange of knowledge and good practices, as well as on the safeguarding of the elements of intangible cultural heritage that are shared by countries and local communities in the region.
The event is the first of its kind to be held in Europe.
Some 13 ministers and officials will discuss the promotion of sustainable tourism, the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage and the protection of cultural assets.

Xinhua

Members of the Yunfei Art Ensemble, an elderly dance troupe, rehearse a dance in Guiyang, capital of southwest China’s Guizhou Province, on 22 Oct, 2012. The dance troupe, made up of retirees with a passion for dancing, has been staging free performances in prisons, communities, schools and the rural areas for more than a decade.

Xinhua

Pacific actors gather in Fiji for humanitarian responses against natural disasters
SUVA, 23 Oct—Over 100 actors from the Pacific Islands region have gathered for the 5th Annual Pacific Humanitarian Team Regional Workshop in Fiji’s western tourist town of Nadi.
The organizer, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), said in a statement that the workshop focuses on promoting international, regional and national best practice and will build on the lessons learned from a number of humanitarian responses over the last 12 months including the 2011 droughts in Tavuvalu and Tokelau, Tropical Cyclone Wilma that hit Vanuatu in March 2012 and the January and February 2012 Fiji floods.
During the workshop, the delegates will discuss how a possible weak El Nino phenomenon and tropical cyclones will affect different Pacific island countries in the coming months and what preparedness actions organizations can take to ensure effective, predictable and accountable humanitarian responses that are achieved through partnerships.
They will work to develop concrete actions for how different sectors such as health, nutrition, shelter and education can respond to a range of different emergencies including earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions and tropical cyclones all of which have affected the Pacific Island region over the last five years, says the statement.
The Pacific Humanitarian Team is a unique collaborative partnership between all major humanitarian actors in the Pacific Islands region. Pacific island countries, UN agencies, NGOs and donor organizations work together to ensure a coordinated humanitarian response.
Peter Muller, Regional Disaster Response Advisor Pacific, explained that the team has responded to over 17 natural disasters in the last five years and “we work in one of the world’s most susceptible regions to natural disasters”.
“This meeting gives us the opportunity to come together as a humanitarian community and build capacity to respond stronger than before,” Muller said.

Xinhua

Iraqi soldiers walk in formation upon their graduation of a short-term training in Kirkuk, some 250 km north of Baghdad, on 21 Oct, 2012.

Xinhua
Liam Hemsworth has suffered an injury on the set of The Hunger Games: Catching Fire

New Delhi, 23 Oct—The actor, who is engaged to singer Miley Cyrus, has revealed he was injured during a dramatic stunt on the set of the second big screen adaptation of the popular trilogy in Atlanta, Georgia last week. He told USA Today: “I twisted my knee. I try to just fight through it. There’s so many people standing around waiting for you to do your thing. You feel sort of obligated not to let everyone down.

“There’s a bunch of action in this one. All of the characters have much more action than they did in the first one.” The 22-year-old Australian actor, whose older brother is Thor star Chris Hemsworth, also revealed he adopted a healthier diet to slim down for the new movie, which began filming last month. He said: “It’s The Hunger Games. My character needs to look hungry. A little bit.” Liam, who is also filming the thriller Paranoia, said he is looking forward to taking a break as he has spent much of the last year working. He said: “I haven’t had a break in about a year. I’ve kind of shot one film to the other. And have had to prepare for each while shooting another. “It’s been a tremendous workload. But I feel so lucky to be where I am. I’m so thankful.”

Katy Perry has mended her friendship with Kristen Stewart

New Delhi, 23 Oct—The Part of Me singer, who reportedly supported close pal Robert Pattinson and encouraged him to move on after the Twilight Saga hunk was left devastated when Kristen cheated on him with married director Rupert Sanders, was spotted celebrating her birthday with the ‘Snow White And The Huntsman’ actress on Friday night. A source told gossip website Just Jared that the popstar donned a Twilight-style vampire costume to celebrate with Kristen and a number of other friends including on 22-year-old Kristen have been spotted together in public since the cheating scandal broke in August and reports hinted that Katy had sided with Robert prior to his and Kristen’s reconciliation. A source previously said: “Katy has been trying to be as supportive as she can for Rob.

Liam Neeson’s stunt struggles

London, 23 Oct.—Actor Liam Neeson says he is getting worn-out for action roles because he is picking up more injuries while performing stunts.

While the Taken 2 star loves his evolution into an action star, the 60-year-old said he sometimes struggles with the stunts, reported Daily Star. “It has started to hurt. The knees squeak quite a lot. I’ll do stunt work until my knees give up. In the interim I love making these movies because it appeals to the little boy in me,” he said.

Neeson tries to keep fit in his everyday life so that filming takes less of a toll on him but it’s still tough. “Although I keep pretty fit otherwise but there’s a considerable amount of fight choreography, training and rehearsing. Particularly in the last 2. It’s not superhero stuff. It’s ugly and violent and tiring,” he added.

Scottish DJ Calvin Harris tops UK pop charts

London, 23 Oct— Scottish DJ and producer Calvin Harris topped the British music charts on Sunday with the dance track “Sweet Nothing”, a collaboration with the singer Florence Welch.

Last week’s number one, “Don’t You Worry Child”, by Swedish House Mafia, a dance music trio from Stockholm, slipped to second place.

South Korean singer Psy held steady at number three with “Gangnam Style”, an Internet hit that has notched up half a million views on YouTube.

Barbarian pop singer Rihanna’s “Diamonds” kept the fourth spot, while London-born Adele fell three places to fifth with “Skyfall”, the theme for the new James Bond film.

On the album chart, English singer Jake Bugg was the new number one with his eponymous new release, according to the Official Charts Company, which compiles the weekly rundown.—Reuters

Bollywood pays tribute to “king of romance”

Mumbai, 23 Oct—Movie lovers, Bollywood stars and well-wishers paid their last respects to filmmaker Yash Chopra on Monday, a day after he died of multiple organ failure.

Chopra, who turned 80 last month, was one of India’s iconic film-makers and was known as the “king of romance”. He also owned one of the industry’s biggest production houses and studios, Yash Raj Films, which recently ventured into Hollywood movie production as well.

Chopra’s career spanned five decades and his last film as director, “Jab Tak Hai Jaan”, “Till There is Life, opens in cinemas on 13 November, on the Indian festival of Diwali.

On his birthday in September, he announced he wouldn’t direct any more films.

Chopra was diagnosed with dengue fever last week and had been treated at a Mumbai hospital.

Tributes poured in from fans and the film industry as people thronged to pay their respects at the offices of Yash Raj Films in suburban Mumbai.

“Byrd is filled with hundreds of private and personal moments that we all spent together during this large association with him,” actor Amitabh Bachchan, who worked on several films with Chopra, wrote in a blog post.

“Best shall ever remain stored within us and like all other memories shall give value and belief to what we shared together,” Bachchan added.—Reuters

Yash Chopra arrives for the Indian International Academy Awards (IIFA) in Shefﬁeld, northern England in this file 9 June, 2007 photo. —Reuters

Scottish DJ and producer Calvin Harris

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**Tennis**

Stockholm win seals Berdych slot in London finals

LONDON, 23 Oct—Tomás Berdych became the sixth player to qualify for the ATP World Tour finals in London next month after capturing his eighth career title at the Stockholm Open on Sunday.

The Czech, who beat Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the final, has reached the year-ending showpiece for the world's top eight men for the third year in succession. Berdych reached the semi-finals at the O2 Arena last year, losing to eventual runner-up Tsonga, and had enjoyed another consistent year, reaching the last eight at the Australian Open and the semi-finals of the US Open.

Two more spots are up for grabs with two weeks of the regular season remaining, although already-qualified Rafa Nadal is a major doubt having not played a match since Wimbledon because of recurring knee problems. Argentine's Juan Martin del Potro and France's Tsonga are in seventh and eighth positions in the race to London with Serbia's Janko Tipsarevic in ninth place.

Results from this week's tournaments in Valencia and Basel and next week's Paris Masters will determine the line-up for London's fourth staging of the Tour Finals.

**Boxing**

Buenos Aires, 23 Oct—World middleweight champion Sergio Martinez would like a shot at Floyd Mayweather on Monday but he would not lose sleep trying to pin down the elusive American.

"Mayweather skits around things so it's complicated to focus on going after him," the 37-year-old southpaw known as "Maravilla" (Marvel) said on a his first return home to Argentina since winning the title last year.

"I must look for my own path and if Mayweather appears, that will be phenomenal," added Martinez, who beat Mexican Julio César Chavez Jr for the WBC crown in Las Vegas last month.

For me, there's no doubt he's the best boxer in the world. I always want to face the best, it would be a great opportunity for me," he told a packed news conference at the Caesar Park hotel in Buenos Aires.

Mayweather is an undefeated fighter with titles in five divisions. Before fightings again, though, Martinez needs to fully recover from a left hand injury and also have a knee operation.

"My left hand is improving well but it still hurts a bit because I had two fractures that have weld-ed well," he said.

"With my knee, I need to keep working with my doctor to prepare for an op-eration on 12 November."

Martinez, who has emerged at the very top of boxing late in his career after a decade of being just one problem at school, where we were (messing about) and I (incidentally) broke a girl's elbow," Berdych told a news conference on Monday.

"This is when I got dumped. But they already wanted to fire me well before because I was too little." After winning Lille in 1999, he joined amateur club Boulogne-sur-Mer, in his hometown in northern France, where his career took off.

After winning two Bundesliga titles and two German Cups, reaching two Champions League finals with Bayern, and playing for France at the 2006 World Cup, Berdych says he is glad to be back in Lille and has no regrets.

"I enjoy being here," he said. "I have got good memories. I do not feel bad because I play for one of the greatest clubs in the world." But he claimed that Vandamme still harbours feelings of jealousy towards him. "Even now, when I read some comments by Van-damme, I read many untrue things," Berdych said. "I can see he is jealous." Vandamme, who is still at Lille, told the French newspaper France Soir last year that Berdych was re-leased because of his behav-iour.

"We dumped him af-ter 25 warn-ings and 300 reprimands," he said. "We could not tolerate his behaviour. He fought a girl at school and broke her arm. It was hard because we were seeing his talent even if we never thought he would have such a career."

Despite the row, Berdych said he was happy to see how Lille, who won the French title in 2011, have de-veloped in the past decade. Bayern are third in Group F on three points after losing 3-1 to Belarussian side BATE Borisov earlier this month, while Lille are bottom without a point.

**Golf**

Dubai ticket would make a world of difference to Howell

LONDON, 23 Oct—Britain's David Howell is looking to swap the TV airwaves for the fairways of the Jumeirah Golf Estates next month by finally making his debut in the money-spinning Dubai World Championship.

The former Ryder Cup player, who outscored partner Tiger Woods to win the Champions Tournament in China seven years ago, is slowly getting back to some-thing approaching his best form after several seasons of struggle.

Howell has worked as a TV commentator for the three previous editions of the Dubai event but a tie for fourth place at last week's European Tour event in Perth, Australia boosted his hopes of qualifying for this season-ending spectacular.

"Living just down the road it has been hard the past few years driving into the Dubai tournament every day and then going to the TV studio rather than the practice range," the 37-year-old told the tour's official website.

David Howell of England hits out of a bunker onto the 15th green during the third round of the European Masters golf tournament in the Swiss mountain resort of Crans-Montana on 1 Sept, 2012.—Reuters
Russia to withdraw helicopters from Moldova’s breakaway region of Transnistria

BUCHAREST, 23 Oct—Russia will begin to withdraw eight helicopters from Moldova’s breakaway region of Transnistria, Moldovan Deputy Prime Minister Eugen Carpov announced Monday in the capital city of Chisinau.

“Eight helicopters,” said Carpov who is in charge with Moldova’s territorial reintegration, explaining that “starting from 1992 they (the helicopters) were part of the peacekeepers’ facilities.

“They are out of service now. We have been asked to let these helicopters be removed.”

Carpov said the Moscow authorities had requested the permission to use the airport in Tiraspol, the biggest city in Transnistria. Via this airdrome they want to transport these eight helicopters back to Russia.

A transport aircraft carrying a group of experts is planned to land in Moldova’s capital Chisinau on Tuesday and later fly to Tiraspol. The experts will analyze the ways the helicopters will be sent back, Carpov added.

Transnistria still houses roughly 25,000 tonnes of soviet munitions. The Russians have been repeatedly asked by the Moldovan authorities as well as by the international organizations to withdraw the weaponry and troops from Transnistria.

Transnistria, a largely Russian-Ukrainian-speaking area, declared independence in 1990 from the Romanian-speaking majority of Moldova, but its move has never been recognized internationally.

The War of Transnistria broke out between Transnistrian separatists and Moldova in late 1990. Fighting intensified in March 1992 and lasted throughout the spring and early summer of 1992 until 21 July 1992 when the two sides announced a ceasefire which has been held to the present.

According to international analysts the five-plus-two format, which also includes, besides the two conflicting parties, Russia, Ukraine and the Organization for Cooperation and Security in Europe as mediators, as well as the United States and the European Union as observers, is the most adequate for the settlement of the Transnistrian conflict.

The next round of five-plus-two format negotiations will take place in Dublin, Ireland, on from 27 -30 November. Carpov said Monday.

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An all-time record of 13.64 million Texans have registered to vote this year, according to media reports.

When it comes to the races for president and US senator, polling shows that Republicans Mitt Romney and Ted Cruz are heavily favored to win in Texas, a reliable Republican stronghold in presidential elections since the mid-1970s.

But in hundreds of other races, a handful of voters could decide some important contests.

Hispanics are the fastest growing ethnic group in Texas. Democrats want to hold on to their Hispanic advantage among Hispanic voters, as Republican leaders also have made recruiting Hispanics a top priority.

The early voting will run through on 2 November.”—Xinhua

First step of Myanmar Education Foundation

YANGON, 23 Oct — A responsible person of Myanmar Education Foundation said at the first meeting and cash donation ceremony of the foundation held at the Royal Rose Restaurant, here, yesterday that donation would be made for Post-Primary School in Lay-sin-kon village of Dedaye Township, Ayeyawady Region on 25 October as the very first activity of the foundation.

“Out of all donations, Dhamma donation or knowledge donation is the precious one. So the foundation was established on 13 October with the aim of providing least developed schools across the nation and students who are in need of help in pursuit of education with necessary assistances”, he said.

“At the first donation, cash will be donated to schools to be able to repair roof and to buy furniture, stationery and clothes”, he added. — Myanmar Alinn

Senior Pentagon official visits Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct—US Deputy Secretary of Defence Ashton Carter has visited Afghanistan and met with the country’s defense and interior ministers, the Pentagon said Monday.

According to Pentagon Press Secretary George Little, Cartre met with Afghan Minister of Defence Bismillah Khan Mohammadi and Minister of Interior Ghulam Mujtaba Patang on 21 Oct in Afghanistan. Little said Carter traveled to Afghanistan specifically to “emphasize the US commitment to the Afghan National Security Forces and the ongoing development of the Afghan forces’ enabling capabilities.”

Carter and the Afghan ministers pledged to work together on the sustained development of the Afghan National Security Force and reviewing efforts to prevent insider attacks.

Inside attacks have been plaguing the US strategy in Afghanistan, the attacks have seen dozens of foreign troops killed, and hobbled the partnered operations they conducted with the Afghan side, as well as the training they provide for the Afghans.”—Xinhua

Texas voters start early voting in US presidential election

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Establishment of sister cities between Bagan of Myanmar and Siam Reap of Cambodia proves the way of preserving and maintaining history and cultural heritages of both countries

Sir Alex says Kagawa will play in Champions League vs Braga

Manchester, 23 Oct—A recuperated Shinji Kagawa will play in Manchester United’s Champions League tie at home to Portugal’s Braga after sitting out the weekend, manager Alex Ferguson said on Monday.

“Shinji Kagawa didn’t play on Saturday so he can prepare for tomorrow,” Ferguson said on the eve of the Braga game. “Also, Stoke’s a different team to any other side he’s played. But mainly it was to give him a rest before tomorrow.” Ferguson also said he has been pleased with Kagawa’s performances so far in his first season at United, and that the depth of his squad allows him to spring the element of surprise against opponents. United will try to stay on maximum points in their third Group H match. They have never lost to a Portuguese side at home. “We actually rested players on Saturday like Kagawa and Cleverley, both who’ve been playing very well so I wouldn’t say we’re underestimating Braga at all,” he said. “I think the level of the game in England and Europe is so high now, that making yourself unpredictable can be a strength.”—Kyodo News

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham lays wreath at former Cambodian King’s funeral

Myo, Director-General Aung Lin of ASEAN Affairs Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and responsible persons arrived at King’s Palace at 2:40 pm local time. They were welcomed by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Royal Palace Samdech Chau Rea Veang Kong Som Ol and Senior Minister at the Royal Palace Mr SM Kuy Sophall. The Vice-President together with Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Cho Tun Aung, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Ye Naing supported Myanmar in the discussion on Myanmar issue. After by-election results came, Cambodia demanded lifting the sanctions against Myanmar, and Cambodia believed that Myanmar will be able to lead the alternate ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014 and host the XXVII SEA Games in 2013.—MNA

Some villages under fire, riots occur in Minbya, MraukU Townships

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 Oct—While houses were set fire in some villages in Minbya Township of Rakhine State starting from 10:30 pm on 21 October, communal strife erupted in Minbya and MraukU Townships and the riots continued yesterday and to date. In the incidents, 531 houses in six villages in Minbya Township and 508 houses in two villages in MraukU Township totaling 1039 houses were burnt down, and one man and one woman had been killed and eight men injured. Measures are being carried out in accord with the law by Rakhine State government and local authorities concerned for preventing the outbreak of more violence, restoring rule of law and normalcy, and relief and resettlement tasks. —MNA

Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (3rd l) addresses a weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem on 21 Oct, 2012.

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