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Union Border Affairs Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Lt-Gen Hla Min of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office, and Union Border Affairs Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay yesterday travelled to Kyauktaw, Paletwa, Taungpyolote and Maungtaw from Sittway to investigate the causes behind the waves of communal violence in Rakhine State. They together with Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing met villagers at Taungbwe Village in Kyauktaw Township to learn about the strife and instructed on community peace and tranquility and the rule of law. They inspected the damages, mostly the houses reduced to ashes, comforted the fire victims and presented emergency aids to them.

The Union Minister enquired after storekeepers and shoppers at Paletwa Market in Paletwa and met departmental personnel, townswelders and local people at Paletwa General Administration Department.

The Union Minister speaking on the occasion revealed creation of jobs for national people of border regions who have completed higher level education, enabling them to take greater part in regional development undertakings. He also disclosed establishment of youth training school in 2013-2014 as a free secondary level learning centre for national race youths. He added that those who have finished secondary level education are trained to get degrees or diplomas at University for Development of National Races and Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges under the Border Affairs Ministry and assigned to their home regions.

Paletwa would, said the Union Minister, would see development in transportation facilities like ports and roads as joint actions would be taken with Indian for Development of Kaladan Basin. It can run businesses or trade with foreign countries as it shares border with India and Bangladesh. The younger generations are obliged to strive for economic prosperity and regional development, stressed the Union Minister calling for collaborative efforts for development of own region which he said has potential for brighter future when the transportation to Rakhine State, Naga region and Chin State gets improved.

They then went to Myeikwa Village in Paletwa Township located upstream of the Kaladan River at Myanmar-India border. In meeting with community elders, the Union Minister called on them to increase export of local products to India and cooperate with each other for regional development without being swayed by instigations of any armed group’s and political organizations. He fulfilled the infrastructural requirements of the village. (See page 8)

Singapore Airlines launches maiden flight to Yangon

YANGON, 29 Oct — Singapore Airlines (SIA) launched its maiden flight to Yangon on Sunday, bringing the total amount of the foreign airlines flying from Myanmar to 18, according to tourism sources on Sunday.

Partly taking over its regional unit Silk Air, the SIA will offer daily flight service to the Myanmar former capital using Boeing 777-200 aircraft.

A ceremony to mark SIA’s inaugural flight was held at the Yangon International Airport.

Currently, SilkAir operates 16 flights a week to Yangon with single-aisle Airbus A320 and will continue to take nine of the flights after SIA starts its services.

There had been four foreign airlines launching their maiden flights to Yangon one after another in September-October, namely Korean Airlines (KAL) from South Korea, Qatar Airlines from the Middle East, EVA Airlines from Chinese Taipei and AllNippon Airways (ANA). More airlines, which are prepared to fly Myanmar in the following months, include Hong Kong-based Dragon Air, Condor Airlines and TransAsia Airways, sources said.

Of them, the Dragon Air will start its direct flight between Hong Kong and Yangon on 9 Jan, 2013 for four flights a week, using Airbus A321 jets.

Meanwhile, Myanmar’s national carrier, the Myanmar Airways International (MAI), will also launch direct flight between Yangon and Hong Kong before the end of this year. —MNA/Xinhua
**Respect-paying ceremony of Khitaye village**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Oct —** Paying respects to the aged, the parents and teachers during the auspicious period of Thadingyut is a tradition of Myanmar people. A ceremony to respect the elderly was held at Thuzanakari Parahita School for development of youths of all nationalities in border region at Khitaye village in Zeya Tun Township, here, on 27 October.

It was the very first time for the village. A total of 77 elder persons from 10 villages attended the ceremony where wellwishers presented gifts to seven elder villagers from Thanbakyon.

**Hsipaw, 29 Oct —** The brokerage houses were full of bags of maize due to the plentiful supply of maize from Hsipaw of Shan State (North).

A vendor said that maize sales increased in purchasing power of a traditional medicine manufacturer who bought them as one of the important ingredient for manufacturing medicines for those who suffer from hypertension.

**Khingyi, 29 Oct —** A tractor driven by Nay Win (a) Maung Nge aged 32 skidded and turned over due to faulty brakes. U Karlek, U San Aw, Daw Mya Shwe and Daw Mya Yi of Lwekawk village in Hsipaw Township were killed.

**Live wire kills a child**

**Yangon, 29 Oct —** A 11-year-old Grade V student called Maung Kyaw Zin was electrocuted on a slope on 27 October. Various kinds of clothes, fancy items, different kinds of foodstuff, cosmetics, skin care products, footwear in a variety of designs, handsets and electronics and furniture are available at 200 shops there, according to an organizer. The event will be kept open from 9 am to 10 pm up to 31 October.

**Thadingyut Expo & Big Sales Event**

**Yangon, 29 Oct —** Thadingyut Expo & Big Sales Event was held again in Kandawgyi, here, starting from 27 October. Various kinds of clothes, fancy items, different kinds of foodstuff, cosmetics, skin care products, footwear in a variety of designs, handsets and electronics and furniture are available at 200 shops there, according to an organizer. The event will be kept open from 9 am to 10 pm up to 31 October.

**Winners of Performing Arts Competition honoured in Bago**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Oct —** A ceremony to honour those awarded in the 19th Myanmar National Races’ Traditional Performing Arts Competition was held at Buddha Ath Dhamma Bhikka in Bago on 27 October.

Officially presented prizes to those who stood first, second and third at the competition.

**Bago Regional culture troupe won 14 gold medals, seven silver medals and nine bronze medals totaling 30 at the 19th Myanmar National Races’ Traditional Performing Arts Competition.**

**DSA**

**Yango, 29 Oct —** "During the period from 19 September 2011 to 22 October 2012, 33400 overage cars were handed over", according to an official of the Office of Head of Yango Region Directorate of Road Transport (Myintha).

Central Vehicle Registration Department issues necessary documents daily for the convenience of vehicle owners. "Vehicle owners who are in hopes that there will be a drop in car market the price of C1 will be reduced are pay tax on their vehicles as soon as possible. We staff are trying hard for the completion of paper works during one or two weeks. The department carries the burden of those failed to finish their office work during the prescribed time. It is required to ask their agents whether they have got a receipt or not."

**Yango, 29 Oct —** "Purchase price of a pig in Myonwa varies kinds of offerings are hung to Maha Myatmuni Buddha Image from Tongsin in Hsipaw in accompany with dances and music bands on 2 November. The Padethabin- conveying ceremony held annually on a grand scale in Hsipaw attracts globetrotters."

**Yango, 29 Oct —** Organized by Myanmar Shooting Federation and archery subcommittees of the universities, the opening of shooting contest was held at International Shooting Range (North Dagon, Yangon) of Myanmar Shooting Federation yesterday.

A total of 86 students from 16 universities under the Ministry of Education took part in the event which will be held up to 1 November.

**Yango, 29 Oct —** “I made a profit of K 39,500 and selling butter maize. As the whole town is in festive mood, the sale of maize are up this year. I made a profit of K 10000 over a bag of maize”, she added.

Thanks to smooth transport between Mandalay and Yango, local people have easy access to fresh fruit and vegetables all the year round.
Colombia

BoGota, 29 Oct — Colombians were petitioning to retrieve more than 800,000 hectares of land allegedly seized by leftist rebels, a key issue of the ongoing peace talks to end the five-decade-long armed conflict in the South American country. On the other hand, the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) was pressing the government to tackle uneven land distribution between the rich and the poor, a key demand of the movement since its inception, El Tiempo daily reported on Sunday. The issue was the centrepiece of the first round of peace talks held by the two sides on 18 October in Norway.

However, those who have allegedly lost property during the insurgent movement are now seeking to take it back. At the central state of Tolima, where the largest number of claims against FARC have been filed, property owners have registered 1,553 petitions for a total of 57,633 hectares, according to El Tiempo daily.

The central Meta state follows with 1,065 claims filed for a total of 243,975 hectares.

“The figures of the Agriculture Ministry’s Land Restitution Unit show only one part of the magnitude of the theft of land from farmers,” said the daily.

To date, 9,942 claims have been received for 807,604 hectares.

The newspaper went on to say that FARC took the lands “to guarantee the mobility of its troops and to use them as shipping corridors for cocaine.”

However, the land guerrilla took is not in the name of its commanders, because a good portion was distributed to sympathizers to consolidate their support among the masses, it said.

The Colombian government and FARC rebels are expected to hold their second round of direct talks on 15 November in Cuba which will focus on agrarian policy and land reform.

The rebel movement began when landless peasants took up arms to change or overthrow the government.

Xinhua

Party of Regions leads in Ukraine’s parliamentary elections

Kiev, 29 Oct — Ukraine’s ruling Party of Regions, led by President Viktor Yanukovych, took lead in the parliamentary elections, exit polls showed on Sunday.

The Party of Regions led the polls with 31.6 percent of the vote, according to an exit poll launched by the Research and Branding Group. The United Opposition or “Fatherland” Party of jailed former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko garnered 23.7 percent of the vote and another opposition party, the “Punch” Party (UDAR), was third with 12.2 percent, the exit poll showed.

Meanwhile, the Ukrainian Communist Party and the National Patriotic Party “Freedom” got 13 and 11 percent of the vote respectively, which passed the five-percent threshold of the parliament.

The National Exit Poll, a consortium partly funded by Western embassies, also said that five parties, including the Party of Regions, the “Fatherland” Party, the “Punch” Party, the “Freedom” Party and the Ukrainian Communist Party, will enter the next parliament.

According to the exit poll, the Party of Regions took lead in the elections with 28.1 percent of the party-list vote, which will obtain 69 seats out of 225 on party lists.

The parliamentary elections, in which included on 8:00 pm (1800 GMT) on Sunday were conducted under a mixed system, with 223 members of parliament elected on party lists and the remaining 225 in single-seat constituencies.

The final election results will be announced by the Central Election Commission within 15 days and preliminary results will be available along the way.— Xinhua

Greek president expresses optimism for climbing out of debt crisis

Athens, 29 Oct — Greek President Karolos Papoulias said on Sunday that he was confident that his debt-ridden country will overcome the current economic crisis which threatens it with chaotic default. “I am confident that despite current difficulties, Greek people will exit the crisis, as we have been doing throughout our history,” said Papoulias.

Papoulias made the speech at the end of the annual military parade in the northern city of Thessaloniki to mark Greek entry into the second world war and celebrate the 100th anniversary of its independence from Ottoman rule. He stressed that some European countries seemed to have forgotten the contributions that Greece had made in the past, referring to Greece’s international leaders who pressed for more harsh austerity to tackle the crisis. Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras also sent a message on Sunday, calling for unity.

“In a few years, Greece will excel, as long as we remain united,” he said, as the parades nationwide were held amid strict security measures for fear of anti-austerity extreme protests.

No major incidents have been reported, as thousands of police forces were deployed onto the street to avoid disruptions.

In Athens, students paraded in front of the parliament building, children and war veterans waved Greek flags, and Left parties staged a protest against anti-austerity measures in nearby central squares. Greece has been kept aloft since 2010 with international rescue loans under bailout agreements with the European Union and the International Monetary Fund in exchange of painful austerity and reform measures which have fuelled unemployment, recession and protests.—Xinhua

Israel

Jerusalem, 29 Oct — A new study reveals that most Israeli Arabs plan to stay home during the 22 January elections, as they see “no point” in voting, the Jerusalem Post reported on Sunday.

The survey was conducted by the Abraham Fund Initiative, which works to achieve equality between Jews and Arabs, among five focus groups and a total of 500 respondents.

A majority of the respondents said they think their votes are ineffective, as 51 percent of them said they would stay home because their voices would not influence the election-making.

The survey shows the topics that Israeli Arabs, who constitute 20 percent of Israel’s population, consider to be of high importance include education, unemployment and battling crime. On that aspect, it was recently published that 30 percent of Israeli Arabs are unemployed and only 11 percent of university graduates are Arabs, as only 57 percent take the required matriculation exam in high school and the formal education system for the Arabs is deteriorating. In 2009, the Arab turnout for voting stood at 53 percent, an all-time low. The last time a left-wing party won the elections was in 1999, when many of the Israeli Arabs voted for Ehud Barak.

The survey found that the Arab citizens feel that the power which the small Arab parties in the Knesset (parliament) have is marginal. If Jewish leaders were to include Arab contenders in their lists, it would increase the likelihood of voting among 52 percent of the total sample and 42 percent of those who do not vote at all.—Xinhua

Nigerian president condemns church suicide bomb attack

Abuja, 28 Oct — Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan has condemned Sunday’s suicide bomb attack on a Catholic Church in central Kaduna State.

The President, who was extremely saddened by the explosion, described it as “barbaric, cruel and uncalled for. The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) said a suicide bomber on Sunday struck at St Rita Catholic Church, Masiari, Mabai in northern Nigeria’s Kaduna State, killing eight worshippers and injuring more than 100 others.

President Jonathan, according to a statement reaching Xinhua said the apparent objective of the criminal and unpatriotic elements and forces behind the attack is to set back the progress the administration has made in the fight against terrorism in the country. “It is obvious that these people do not mean well for Nigeria and its unity and development,” he said.

The Nigerian leader expressed confidence that the war against terrorism would become more relentlessly as the nation would never give in to the forces of terror and retardation.—Xinhua

Fishing boats anchor in the harbour to shelter from the wind at a fishing port in Qiaogang Town of Beihai City, southwest China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 28 Oct, 2012. Guangxi Meteorological Bureau launched a major weather disaster (typhoon) emergency response III on Saturday due to the affect of Typhoon Son-Tinh, the 25th tropical storm this year.—Xinhua
E-readers grapple with a future on the shelf

Singapore, 29 Oct — Amidst our growing love affair with the tablet, spare a thought for the increasingly shelfbound sibling: the e-reader. Take Taipei’s E Ink Holdings Inc, which makes most of the monochrome displays for devices such as Amazon.com Inc’s Kindle and Barnes & Noble Inc’s Nook. After five years of heady growth during which shipments rose 100-fold, it got a jolt at the end of 2011 when monthly revenues dropped 91 percent in two months.

“The bottom fell out of the market,” says E Ink Chief Marketing Officer Strram Pervezum. Engineers initially benefited from their reflective displays, which can be read in sunlight and require very little power. But the success of Apple Inc’s iPad, improved backlit displays, power-saving technologies and new smaller tablets all point to one thing: the e-reader has become a transitional technology.

Think the harpischord, replaced by the piano. Or Apple’s iPod music player, which helped popularize the MP3 player until the arrival of the iPhone, which could play music and do a lot of other things.

Now electronic paper companies like E Ink are trying to sell the technology in some cases, are pulling the plug entirely. A recent survey by the Pew Research Centre found that of those Americans over 30 who read e-books, less than half do so on an e-reader. For those under 30, the number falls to less than a quarter.

Analysts have cut forecasts, sometimes dramatically. IHSiSuppli predicted last December there would be 43 million e-readers shipped in 2014. When revised those numbers last month, the estimate was lowered by two thirds. By contrast, Morgan Stanley in June doubled its estimates for 2013 tablet shipments, predicting 216 million compared with its February 2011 forecast of 102 million.

“Frustratingly for the E Ink guys, it’s a transition device,” says Robin Birtle, who runs an e-book publishing company in Japan. “Kak didn’t need this.” — Reuters

SpaceX’s Dragon capsule splashes into Pacific

Washington, 29 Oct — SpaceX’s unmanned Dragon capsule splashed into the Pacific Ocean on Sunday afternoon, wrapping up its first contracted mission of delivering commercial payload to the International Space Station.

Winning to the California-based SpaceX, Dragon safely splashed down in Pacific at 12:22 p.m. PDT (0422 GMT), 250 miles (402 kilometers) off the coast of Baja California.

Dragon delivered about 1,000 pounds (454 kg) of cargo, including experiment hardware, a freezer, spare parts, clothing and food, and returned a total of 1,673 pounds (759 kg), including 163 pounds of crew supplies, 866 pounds of scientific research, and 518 pounds of vehicle hardware and other hardware.

There are 384 syringes of urine and 112 tubes of blood packed aboard Dragon, some of which have been waiting for delivery to scientists on the ground for more than a year.

The samples were taken by space station astronauts as part of two ongoing experiments studying the nutrition of astronauts and how their diet can help protect against the negative health effects of long-term space travel, such as bone loss.

Dragon will be taken to a SpaceX processing facility in Texas, and unloaded and inspected. The next Dragon flight to space station is scheduled for early January 2013. In the future, Dragon will abandon the water landing technique and instead settle down on a launching pad with the assistance of a, instead of a, landing technique. Dragon launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida on 7 October. The mission — the first of 12 planned trips in California-based SpaceX’s 1.6 billion dollars contract with NASA — is a milestone for America’s efforts to privatize the space industry, aimed at reducing costs and spreading them among a wider group of governments alone.

Before Dragon’s liftoff, flights to the space station have always been a government-only affair.

Until their retirement last summer, US space shuttles carried most of the gear and many of the astronauts to the orbiting outpost. Since then, American astronauts have had to rely on Russian capsules for rides.

European, Japanese and Russian supply ships have been delivering cargo. NASA is looking to the private sector, in this post-shuttle era, to get American astronauts launching again from the US soil. It will be at least four to five years before SpaceX or any other private operator is capable of flying astronauts.

Chinese unveils large radio telescope in Shanghai

Shanghai, 29 Oct — A massive radio telescope for use in space observation was unveiled on Sunday at the foot of Sheshan Mountain in Shanghai. The telescope will be used to track and collect data from satellites and space probes.

The newly-built radio telescope can pick up eight different frequency bands and also track Earth satellites, lunar exploration satellites and deep space probes, said Hong Xiaoyu, head of the Shanghai Astronomical Observatory.

“We hope that the new radio telescope will go into operation earlier so that we can use it to observe the unmanned lunar probe Chang-e2,” said Wu Weiren, chief designer of the lunar orbiter project.

The telescope will be used for Very Long Baseline Interferometry (VLBI), a type of astronomical interferometry used in radio astronomy, as it can collect accurate data and increase its angular resolution during astronomical observation.

China’s VLBI system is made up of four telescopes in the cities of Shanghai, Beijing, Kunming, Urumqi, respectively, as well as a data centre in Shanghai.

Radio telescopes differ from optical ones in that they use radio antennae to track and collect data from satellites and space probes. The first radio antenna used to identify astronomical radio sources was built by Karl Gutherz Jansky, an engineer with Bell Telephone Laboratories, in the early 1930s.

Miners take “rail-veyors” and robots to automated future

Sudbury, (Ontario), 29 Oct — In an office trailer parked outside a mine shaft in northern Ontario, operator Carolyn St-Jean leans back in her chair and monitors a machine loading nickel-rich ore into rail cars deep underground. Once filled, the automated train will snake through a series of narrow tunnels, emerge from a rocky overcut and then loop past St-Jean’s window and dump its payload for sorting.

Vale SA, the Brazilian company that owns the mine near this nickel-rich Canadian town, has spent nearly $50 million in two years to install and test the “rail-veyor.” The company believes the transport system will revolutionize how it builds and extracts new mineral deposits. The equipment is made locally by Rail-Veyor Technologies Global Inc. It is one of many mining technologies that developers hope will allow future production to be run almost entirely by people safely above ground.

Such advances may prove crucial as easy-to-extract deposits run dry and miners drill deeper in more remote places to supply China, India and other emerging economies.

The technology could make mining cheaper and safer, avoiding the need to dig wide tunnels and hire large numbers of expensive, skilled workers. “As we go deeper, if we continue to apply existing thinking and existing technologies, it’s a death spiral” for company profits, said Alex Henderson, who heads Vale’s technology team in Sudbury.

“We need to begin to look at a step-change in mining rather than just incrementally improving our existing processes.”

The rail-veyor is one such step-change. At the test site, it has halved the time to build a mine, and Vale expects a 150 percent boost in production rates before year end. In Australia, Rio Tinto Ltd, one of the world’s largest miners and an automation pioneer, is rolling out a fleet of self-driving trucks and trains at its iron ore operations. Vale, BHP Billiton and Chile’s Codelco are in hot pursuit.

Gold miner AngloGold Ashanti is eyeing automation in South Africa, where miners spend hours each day descending two 1 kilometer (0.6 mile) shafts and ounces of gold are left behind in support pillars each year.

Organized labour has made its peace with the automation drive, although there were some concerns that robots would displace humans. “We’re ok with automation, it’s part of the changing times and it’s a good thing for productivity,” said Myles Sullivan of the United Steelworkers Canada, whose workers ended a year-long strike at Vale over bonuses and wages in 2010. — REUTERS

A working staff introduces a measures tool in the Weights and Measures Museum in Wenzeng, east China’s Shandong Province, on 25 Oct, 2012. The museum has been officially open to public since Thursday. — Xinhua

According to a recent survey by the Pew Research Centre, the US suffers from a “television void.” The reason: The nation’s TV audience is shrinking, and people are increasingly turning to other entertainment venues. The study found that 86 percent of US adults, according to the Pew Research Centre, watched television at least once a week in 2010. That number has fallen to 77 percent this year.

“The problem is that we have a smaller base of people who are living in the US,” said Pew Research Centre spokesperson Elinor Birtle. “And people are watching less television than they used to.”

The study also found that people are watching TV for shorter amounts of time. In 2010, the average time spent watching television was 3 hours and 28 minutes per day. This year, it’s down to 3 hours and 10 minutes per day.

The decline in TV viewing is being driven by a number of factors, including the rise of streaming video services, such as Netflix and Hulu, and the increasing popularity of on-demand video services, such as Amazon Prime and Apple’s iTunes. But the biggest factor is simply that people are spending less time watching traditional television.

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Honda cuts FY profit forecast as China backlash hits

**Tokyo**, 29 Oct — Japan’s Honda Motor Co <7267.T> cut its full-year net profit forecast by a fifth after sales in China, the world’s biggest auto market, were hit by a popular backlash against Japanese products, in a dispute over East China Sea islands. The sub-stagflation cut makes it likely that rivals Toyota Motor <7203.T> and Nissan Motor <7201.T> will follow suit when they report quarterly earnings early next week.

“It’s likely Toyota and Nissan are going to cut forecasts in the same way. A cut was to be expected because the problems with China weren’t factored into forecasts,” said Fujo Ano, managing director at Chubuin Asset Management. Demand for Honda, Toyota and Nissan cars slumped in China Germany’s BMW picking up market share. Sales by Honda and its China joint venture dropped 40.5 percent last month. China is Honda’s second-biggest market after the United States, accounting for 17 percent of 2011 sales.

Honda, whose models include the Accord, Fit, Jazz, Civic, and CR-V, cut its net profit forecast for the year to March to 375 billion yen ($4.7 billion) from its earlier estimate of 470 billion yen. Last year, Honda reported net profit of 411 billion yen. Shares in Honda — which fell 15 percent to near 9-month lows amid the China protests — dropped nearly 6 percent on Monday, trading at 2,383 yen early in the afternoon session. Honda released its quarterly earnings three hours earlier than planned, after accidentally posting the results on its website.

It quickly took down the numbers, but was told by the Tokyo Stock Exchange to bring forward the full announcement.

Net profit for July-September rose 36.1 percent to 82.2 billion yen ($1.03 billion), some way below the average estimate of 107.2 billion yen from six analysts polled by Thomson Reuters IBES. A year ago, Japanese manufacturers were still reeling from the March earthquake and tsunami. Honda’s quarterly profits were also denting start-up and advertising costs for the new Accord sedan, which went on sale in the United States in September, but the refreshed Japan’s third-biggest automaker increase the central bank showed on Monday. The monthly business survey index (BSI), which gauges local manufacturers’ sentiment on current business conditions, stood at 68 in October, down 1 point from a month earlier, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK). The seasonally-adjusted figure stayed at a low level of 69 for a fourth straight month. The BSI for November, measuring manufacturers’ outlook on business conditions for the upcoming month, slid 2 points to 70, marking the identical number for August. The reading adjusted with seasonal factors retreated rose 2 points to 72 over the same period. Local manufacturers listed uncertain economic conditions, weak domestic demand and export slump as major difficulties in doing business.

Business conditions continued to deteriorate over external uncertainties such as the European fiscal crisis and the potential US fiscal cliff. South Korea’s third-quarter domestic product (GDP) grew 0.2 percent in the third quarter from the previous quarter, the lowest growth in around three years. Reflecting dimmer economic outlook, the BOK slashed earlier this month its 2012 economic growth outlook for the country to 2.4 percent from an earlier estimate of 3 percent. The central bank cut its policy rate by 25 basis points (bps) to 2.75 percent at the October meeting.

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Mosaic closes third pharmacy since meningitis outbreak

**Boston**, 29 Oct — Massachusetts regulators shut down a pharmacy on Sunday after a surprise inspection raised concerns about sterile medications, is not affected with New England Compounding Centre, the company linked to the outbreak, officials said. Insufficiency of fridge in Waltham was closed after inspectors last week found “significant issues” and “expressed concerns for the sterileity of products,” said Madelaine Bron-ndollio, director of the state’s Bureau of Healthcare Safety and Quality. No contaminated drugs were found at Insufficiency Resource, but 40 patients and their doctors were asked to return any medications they received from the company, she said. Massachusetts regulators have come under fire after contaminated drugs from NECC, based in Framingham, were cited as the cause of the outbreak. Medics killed 15 people and sickened another 337 in 18 states. The state is conducting inspections of all compounded pharmacies that handle sterile medications in the wake of the deadly national meningitis outbreak. The two pharmacies shut down earlier were NECC, which was closed on 3 October, and a sister company of NECC, called Amerisource, which closed voluntarily for inspections on 19 October. Bernard Lambrese, CEO of Insufficiency Resource, said in a statement he wanted to reassure “patients and the general public of the safety, purity and efficacy” of solutions produced at his company’s Waltham pharmacy. “Patient safety is something we take very seriously,” he said. Lauren Smith, interim commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, told reporters the ongoing state-wide inspections are part of a “series of aggressive and necessary actions to protect public safety and enhance oversight of this industry” following the national meningitis outbreak.

Separately, Smith said a member of the state’s pharmacy oversight board warned to NECC, and two elderly patients, Sophia Pasadis, had rejected a request by regulators to step down. — Reuters

S Korea’s biz sentiment continues to worsen in October

**Seoul**, 29 Oct — South Korea’s business sentiment continued to worsen this month due to lingering concerns over external uncertainties such as Europe’s debt problems and the possible US fiscal cliff, data from the Bank of Korea showed on Monday. The monthly business survey index (BSI), which gauges local manufacturers’ sentiment on current business conditions, stood at 68 in October, down 1 point from a month earlier, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK). The seasonally-adjusted figure stayed at a low level of 69 for a fourth straight month. The BSI for November, measuring manufacturers’ outlook on business conditions for the upcoming month, slid 2 points to 70, marking the identical number for August. The reading adjusted with seasonal factors retreated rose 2 points to 72 over the same period. Local manufacturers listed uncertain economic conditions, weak domestic demand and export slump as major difficulties in doing business.

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Israel study: Med-Rim diet healthiest — even with later weight gain

**JERUSALEM**, 29 Oct — A Mediterranean and low-carb diet has the longest, healthiest effects on well-being if you pack the pounds back on afterward, an Israeli study shows.

Such a diet, rich in the bounty of Mediterranean hugging countries, includes a variety of vegetables, fruits, nuts, seeds, fish and poultry, and features olive oil as one of its main ingredients. A European research center, adhering to such low-carb regimens over the same period. Local manufacturers listed uncertain economic conditions, weak domestic demand and export slump as major difficulties in doing business.

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Petronas agrees to Canada extension on $5.2 billion Progress deal

**KUALA LUMPUR**, 29 Oct — Malaysian state oil firm Petronas has agreed to extend the Canadian government’s extension of a review of its C$5.17 billion ($5.2 billion) bid for gas producer Progress Energy Resources, said two Petronas sources familiar with the deal.

The decision was made during a regular monthly Petronas board meeting, the sources told Reuters, adding the Malaysian firm is also studying additional steps to reassure Canada that the proposed acquisition will be a “net benefit” for the country, the sources said.

“Petronas will go all the way to secure this deal. It is important to Petronas that the deal is done,” one of the sources said.

Canada blocked Petronas’ bid for Progress Energy this month after Industry Minister Christian Paradis said it was not likely to lead to job creation. The BSI index is based on a nationwide survey of 1,456 manufacturers and 1,066 non-manufacturers, conducted between 15 and 22 October.

Progress CEO Michael Culbert has blamed a “communications breakdown” for Canada’s surprise rejection of the deal, and said he was optimistic the deal could get back on track.
Stock markets closed on Monday as storm hobbles New York

**US**

**New York, 29 Oct** — US stock and options markets will be closed on Monday, and possibly on Tuesday, as regulators, exchanges and brokers worried about the integrity of markets in the face of Hurricane Sandy. Market participants and regulators decided to shut the market because the storm made it difficult to ensure the safety of employees, major exchanges said.

The decision to close stock and options markets came after regulators, exchanges, and dealers discussed the unknowns that would have been tested if the markets opened on Monday, three of the sources said. For example, NYSE Euronext’s New York Stock Exchange had planned to shut its physical trading floor, which would have meant operating as an all-electronic exchange for the first time. Bond markets will remain open, but will be at noon, a trade group said.

**Jerusalem, 29 Oct** — Mier Dagan, former director of Israel’s foreign intelligence agency Mossad, remains in stable condition three weeks after undergoing a liver transplant in Minsk, Belarus, local media reported on Sunday.

Mier Dagan returned to Israel on Saturday and was transferred to an unmanned hospital for further supervision. Dagan, 67, was forced to undergo the surgery abroad after failing to meet Israeli and American medical criteria, which restrict liver transplants to the age of under 65 due to severe shortage of organ donors and the low chances of recovery.

Both Mossad and Israeli Foreign Ministry launched intensive efforts to assist Dagan after an acute liver cancer threatened his life, exploiting connections worldwide. A fund, a first institution that would agree to operate on an emergency basis, the Yesodl Almudhah daily reported last week.

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko disclosed at a news conference two weeks ago that a senior Israeli security figure was hospitalized in his country, which is revered for performing successful liver and other complex transplants.

The country’s security services placed heavy security on Dagan while he was recovering in isolation, allowing only his wife to visit him. The former spymaster, who retired from Mossad in late 2010, reportedly spearheaded numerous covert missions aimed at sabotaging Iran’s nuclear programme during his eight years at the helm of the agency.

**Israel**

**Rabin’s legacy obliges Israel to counter political violence**

Netanyahu

**Jerusalem, 29 Oct** — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday that the legacy of Yitzhak Rabin, the former prime minister gunned down by a Jewish assassin during a peace rally in Tel Aviv in 1995, compels Israel to decisively counter political violence.

Israelis, in order to ensure that the full significance of this traumatic event is internalized, we must ensure that the world will never be pardoned,” Netanyahu said at the official state ceremony to mark the 17th anniversary of Rabin’s death at the national military cemetery in Jerusalem on Monday.

Netanyahu must also ensure free public discourse in the State of Israel. The atrocious murder of Yitzhak Rabin commands us to preserve freedom of expression and to forcefully battle any manifestation of violence against those who do not rely on high-speed systems, including some investment bankers, were asked to work from home. The storm is expected to slam into the US East Coast on Monday night, bringing torrential rain, high wind, severe flooding and power outages. The rare “super storm” — created by an Arctic jet stream wrapping itself around a tropical storm — could be the biggest to hit the US mainland, forecasters said.

**Xinhua**

**Chinese non-communist party holds plenary session**

**Beijing, 29 Oct** — The sixth plenary session of the 14th Central Committee of the Chinese Peasants and Workers Democratic Party, one of China’s eight non-communist parties, opened in Beijing on Sunday.

Sang Guowei, chairman of the party’s central committee, briefly reviewed the party’s achievements over the last five years. He said the party has always strived to play a role in the country’s multi-party cooperation mechanism under the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC). Sang, who is also chairperson of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress (NPC), said members of the party should cherish ethnic unity and social stability and safeguard political relations among China’s parties.

He urged the members to work to uphold the upcoming 18th CPC National Congress, scheduled for 8 Nov, with new achievements.

**Japan**

**5 missing after Typhoon Son-Tinh sinks boat in S China Sea**

**Sanya, 29 Oct** — Five people were missing after Typhoon Son-Tinh sank their boat in the South China Sea near Hainan Island on Sunday, maritime authorities said. Local sea rescue centre in Sanya, Hainan Province, said the rescue operation was paused at 6 am saying an unpowered engineering vessel half-sank near a cargo terminal.

Sanya was hit by strong winds.

Five crew members were awaiting rescue as they clung to the deck that remained above the sea, the report said. Sanya’s smarttime safety administration said they have launched a search and rescue mission involving two rescue vessels and helicopters.

The island Province of Hainan experienced strong winds and high waves since Saturday as Typhoon Son-Tinh brushed into the region. Local authorities have urged shipping boats to return to harbor and ferry services into and out of the island has been suspended out of safety concerns.
Maintenance of Kyinthi monastery discussed

Hsipaw, 29 Oct—A meeting on maintenance of Kyinthi Monastery of 236 years old and religious, literary culture was held at the monastery in Kyinthi Village-tract of Hsipaw Township, Shan State(North), on 23 October. The monastery was built in the time of Ohnbaung Chieftain K’yun Maht Htau, King Inwa a Hsinbyushin and King Badon. In 1223 ME, Chieftain Sao Kya Tun who was the 84th Hsipaw Uohnbaung and King M/in built the ancient Buddha image at the monastery.

Educative talks on traffic rules given in Tamu

Tamu, 29 Oct—A talk on traffic rules and pedestrian rules was held at Kabaw Hall of Basic Education High School in Tamu on 23 October. Commander of Tamu Township Police Force Police Captain Aye Thein gave lectures on wearing of helmet, restriction not to ride less than two persons on motorcycle and to avoid drunkard driving and to slow down motorcycle at junctions. Police Cpl Aung Tha San performed a demonstration of traffic rules and presented pamphlets on traffic rules.

The talk was attended by teachers and students. A similar talk was held at Basic Education High School branch in Tamu.

Myanma Alinn

Seventh airplane of MAI arrives at Yangon International Airport

YANGON, 29 Oct—The seventh airplane of MAI arrived at Yangon International Airport on 28 October afternoon. The seventh airplane of MAI arrived at Yangon International Airport to run the flight along Bangkok-Singapore-Bangkok route that will be launched on 28 October. Thanks to new route of Bangkok-Singapore-Bangkok, the passengers wishing to travel from Yangon to Bangkok and then to Singapore will be convenient. In addition, the passengers from various countries will take MAI flights from Bangkok to Singapore.

Myanma Alinn

New airplane of AIR KBZ from France arrives in Yangon

YANGON, 29 Oct—New airplanes such as two ATR 72-500s and one ATR 72-600 bought by AIR KBZ from France will arrive at Yangon International Airport in 2012. One of two ATR 72-500s arrived at Yangon International Airport on 28 October afternoon. The remaining one will arrive here in November. It was reported that one ATR 72-600 airplane will arrive in Yangon by 2012. When three new airplanes have arrived here, the airlines will extend its flight schedules to NyaungU, Mandalay, Heho and Thandwe and will resume its runs to Nay Pyi Taw, Kengtung, M’onywa and Hmalin.

Newairplane of AIR KBZ seen at the airport.

Twin babies born from double ovaries mother

TOUNGOO, 29 Oct—A expectant mother with two ovaries successfully gave birth twin babies as her sixth pregnancy at Toungoo District General Hospital in Bago Region on 19 October. May Yi Aung, 39, has born five babies with the help of medical workers at Toungoo General Hospital.

Myanma Alinn

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Inter-Ministry Chess Tournament commences

MANDALAY, 29 Oct—The Mandalay Region Chief Minister’s Cup Inter-Township Age-wise Chess Tournament 2012 and the 6th Mandalay Open Chess Tournament were opened at Padauk Hall of Myanmar Medical Association (Mandalay) on 25 October morning. Defending champion Chamhnyazi Township chess team headed over the championship trophy to Vice-Chairman of the Region Chess Subcommittee Dr Thit Lwin.

Over 120 players from 18 teams of townships in the region are taking part in the tournament that will last up to 4 November.

Myanma Alinn

Scholarship for arts of film invited

YANGON, 29 Oct—According to the coordination meeting of the Managing Director of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise, the chairman of Myanma Motion Picture Organization and the executive committee and advisory committee of Video Basic Strata (Central) held on 26 October, arrangements are being made to sign an MOU between France and Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise in February 2013 and to create the opportunity for attending the arts of film in France.

The applicants must be between 20 and 25 years old and must be in English and Computer Science. They must be graduates from the motion picture and video world. They are to enlist at the organization, not later than 10 November. M MPO will issue more information to artistes in time.

Myanma Alinn
Abhidhamma Day

Today is Thadingyut or the fullmoon day of Myanmar calendar and the end of Buddhist lent. People illuminate their homes for three days or hold the festival of lights annually on the day before full moon, the full moon day and the day after to mark the Buddha’s return from the celestial abode where He had spent the lent teaching the celestial beings about His Law.

From early times, this day has also been called Maha Pavarana Day. Anyhow, it is a time to pay respect to teachers, parents and elders, and it is a time to ask forgiveness for bad things people have done during the year. And the day always reminds us the gratitude we owe to our parents.

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So, the Buddha visited Tavatimsa or the abode of celestial beings as a part to pay back the gratitude He owned to His mother, practically showing mankind the importance of gratefulness, and the value of repaying the debt of gratitude they owe to their parents.

So, during the month of Tadgingut when the festival is drawing nearer, Buddhists, both adults and children, pay respects to their parents, teachers and elders by formally expressing thanks for the gratitude they owe to them.

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Upgrade curriculums for the good of students: Union Culture M. Minster

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—A ceremony of signing MOU on buying electricity from new project of gas plant in Thakayta among the Ministry of Electrical Power, Myanmar Power Pte., Ltd in Singapore and Consultant International Co., Ltd in Myanmar took place at the Ministry of Electrical Power, Myanmar Power. Minister U Khin Maung Soe said that the Ministry matters. Then the Union Minister observed library and classrooms. — MNA

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Magway Region honoured prizes winners in 19th Performing Arts Competition

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—The honouring ceremony for prize winners who took part 19th Myanmar National Races’ Traditional Performing Arts Competition representing Magway Region was held at Town Hall in Magway on 27 October noon with an address by Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe.

Upgrading curriculums for the good of students: Union Culture M. Minster

YANGON, 29 Oct—Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu met with Director-General U Yan Naing Oo of Fine Arts Department (Yangon), Rector U Kyaw Oo of National Culture and Fine Art University (Yangon), the pro-rector (academic), professors/heads of department, associate professors, faculty members and staff at national Culture and Fine Art University (Yangon), here, yesterday.

The Union Minister called for measures to be taken for upgrading curriculums for the good of students to be able to use in practical area, opening of diploma courses and gave instructions on other matters. Then the Union Minister observed library and classrooms. — MNA

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Beware of fire

Mou on buying of electricity signed

It is well-known that the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has been a Theravada Buddhist Country since years ago. Over 90 per cent of the population of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar takes faith in Buddhism. All Buddhists throughout the country want the everlasting purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana which mainly depend on the members of the Sangha who can perform and carry out these noble tasks. In order to thoroughly implement the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana, the different levels of the Sangha Organizations are formed as follows:

1. The State Patron Committee of the Sangha (comprising 111 members)
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3. The State Sanghamahanayaka Committee (comprising 323 members)
4. The State/Regional Sanghanayaka Committees (altogether 49 committees comprising 3683 members)
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The State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is now striving to promote and flourish the Theravada Buddhism in accordance with its functions and duties which lead to the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana as well as for the welfare and interest of the nation as a whole.

Functions and duties of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders

1. Shall take responsibilities relating to the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana and the unity of the Sangha during the transit period of each congregation of the Sangha of All Orders.
2. Shall take responsibilities to hold the full-fledged Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders after five years’ term.
3. Shall consult with the Ministry of Religious Affairs in order to hold the Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders.
4. Shall form the convening Committee for holding the Congregation comprising members of the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee.
5. The matters relating to the whole Sasana affairs which have been done by them shall be reported to the Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders when it is held.
6. The State Sangha Mahanayaka Committee shall be formed in accordance with the principles prescribed in chapter 5 clause 25 of these procedures.
7. Shall approve and confirm the remember list of the members of the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee.
8. Shall approve and confirm the eligible members of the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee.
9. Shall approve and confirm the eligible members of the Sangha.
10. May instruct the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee.
11. May instruct the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee.
12. Shall hold the meeting at least one time in a year.
13. May make suggestions, discussions and necessary decisions on the work done report submitted to the meeting by the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee.
14. Shall make and carry out dutifully the matters relating to the Sasana affairs which are trustfully assigned by the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee.

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Chinese art group "Hansheng" opens concert in Armenia

YEREVAN, 29 Oct— Chinese art group "Hansheng" held a concert at the Armenian State Theater of Musical Comedy here on Saturday, with a number of violations committed by the arm rebels in a number of Syrian areas on Saturday, mainly in the eastern Damascuse. The army accused "terrorists" of violating the truce, adding that those "terrorists" have violated the cease-fire for the next consecutive day.

Syrian army to hit back hard at "terrorists"

DAMASCUS, 29 Oct— The Syrian army’s general command ordered Saturday to decisively repulse all "criminal acts" committed by "terrorists" alleging that those "terrorists" have directed the cease-fire for the next consecutive day.

Israel airstrike kills Palestinian militant

GAZA, 29 Oct— A Palestinian militant was killed and another wounded early on Sunday in an Israeli airstrike in northeast Gaza Strip, medical sources said. A second militant was critically wounded, said Ashraf al-Qudra, a spokesperson for the Health Ministry in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip.

Singapore to conduct proposals for tighter ads rules on unhealthy food, beverage

SINGAPORE, 29 Oct— Singapore’s authorities are reviewing tougher guidelines for advertisements of unhealthy food and beverages like fast food and soda, aiming at protecting children from being drawn to a diet that is high in fat, sugar or salt.

Rubio leaves Romney motorcade after daughter in car accident

LAND O’LAKES, Florida, 29 Oct— US Senator Marco Rubio, who was campaigning in his home state of Florida with Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, left the campaign on Saturday to be with his 12-year-old daughter who was injured in a car accident in Miami. 

Rubio, a rising star in the Republican Party, had just finished taking part in a campaign rally with Romney in Kissimmee when he was told about the accident involving his daughter, Amanda. “Senator Rubio’s daughter was involved in a motor vehicle accident earlier today in Miami,” said Rubio spokesman Alex Conant. “She was airlifted to Maimi Children’s hospital. She is in stable condition.” 

Romney’s motorcade, which was on route to Land O’Lakes from Kissimmee, pulled over on the highway in Lakewood Crest and Rubio got out. He left in a state trooper patrol car and went to Miami to be with his daughter. — Reuters

Rescue workers retrieve bodies from Gaza tunnel cave-in

GAZA, 29 Oct— Palestinian rescue workers pulled the bodies of two smugglers who were killed when a tunnel beneath Gaza’s borders with Egypt caved in three days ago. A third colleague in the group was evacuated to a hospital.

Arrests made in mass media ad campaign

The City of Miami, Florida/29 Oct— The City of Miami, Florida announced on Monday that it has arrested 12 people and charged them with campaign violations.

Passengers inquire flight information at Sanya Phoenix International Airport in Sanya, south China’s Hainan Province, on 27 Oct, 2012. Typhoon Son-Tinh, the 23rd tropical storm this year, has disrupted 122 flights and brought downpours to Hainan. — Xinhua
Kenya anti-terror police kill suspect related to Mombasa explosions

MOMBASA, Oct 30—(Xinhua)---The suspect who was related to the Wednesday explosions that has killed a police officer and two other suspects, was killed by police that raided his house here at 2am on Sunday morning, said the police.

Regional police chief Aggrey Adoli said the suspect was being trailed by detectives with special team of detectives from Nairobi city.

Situation is currently tense with retaliatory attacks in the area. The police also arrested a terror suspect in Coastal town of Mariakani and recovered firearms and grenades on Saturday.

Country head of anti-terrorism unit Njeru Mwaniki said the suspect was arrested in a passenger bus christened M esina heading to the coastal City of Mombasa.

“We recovered two grenades, 35 rounds of ammunition and AK-47 assault rifle,” M waniki told Xinhua, adding that they were still holding him for further investigation.

The suspect identified as Titus Nyabwasi, a from western Kenya, was also found in possession of bomb detonators. He was arrested by highway patrol officers manning a police road block along in the area before he was handed to the anti-terrorism police unit.

He was trailed by detectives from special crime prevention unit Nairobi after boarding the bus from Nairobi on Saturday morning.

“The anti-terrorism police unit has now taken over the case with hopes that the suspect will lead them to his hideouts. We will inform you once we make more recoveries,” said Adoli.

He announced that security forces had increased surveillance and urged the public to be on the look out for people with ulterior motives.

Police say the suspect and his accomplices were planning to carry out an imminent terror attack in Kenya’s second-largest City of Mombasa that has in the past been hit by a wave of grenade attacks.

It was the major breakthrough in the war against terrorism in Kenya amid reports of planned terror attacks since the liberation of Somalia port of Kismayo by Kenyan Defence Forces (KDF), said M waniki.

Xinhua

Indian data analytics outsourcing to become 1.15 bln USD by 2015, says study

KOLKATA, India, Oct 30 — At a time when analytics is becoming more pervasive helping businesses across various sectors, India is expected to maintain its edge over major offshore destinations who present analytics services outsourcing.

According to a recent report by a financial services firm Aventus Capital, India will continue to establish its leadership position in analytics services over other competing countries or regions such as China, the Philippines, Eastern Europe and Latin America.

The demand for this service from India will be driven by a host of factors such as availability of talent pool, maturity of the industry and wide spectrum of services.

Data analytics is the science of using raw data by extensive use of statistical and quantitative analysis for the purpose of drawing business related conclusions and for predicting business outcomes. Among the industries, banking and financial which is one of the earliest adopters of knowledge services is the largest user of the analytics services followed by retail, healthcare and pharmaceutical industries.

According the report, by 2015, the data analytics market in India is expected to reach 1.15 million US dollars to become 21 percent of the overall Indian KPO market opportunities of 5.6 billion US dollars.

“Although this market has been around since early 2000’s, the exponential growth in data generation, significant decrease in data storage cost and increase need of companies to make decisions based on actionable insights, have increased the demand for data analytics services,” said Amit Singh, executive director in charge of technology and outsourcing of the Aventus Capital.

The US which is the biggest market for data analytics outsourcing is estimated to have a short of 140,000 to 190,000 professionals with analytical capabilities by 2016.

“This talent supply gap is expected to boost demand for analytics outsourcing services what the Indian service providers could leverage on,” he added.

Xinhua

Shallow undersea quake hits Sumatra, Indonesia

JAKARTA, Oct 30— A 5.6-magnitude earthquake struck off Sumatra island on Sunday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported.

The quake struck at 09:22 am (0222 GMT) with epicenter at 35 km southeast of Gunungsidoi in N orth Sumatra and with a depth of 26 km under sea bed, an official of the agency told Xinhua by phone.

Indonesia is vulnerable to quakes as it sits on a quake belt called “the Pacific Ring of Fire.”

Xinhua

Cambodia has no plan to build nuclear power plant for now: PM

PHNOM PENH, Oct 29— Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said on Monday that the country has no plan to build a nuclear power plant for present time, citing nuclear disasters in Ukraine and Japan.

He said that it was a misunderstanding that a neighbouring country (Thailand) reportedly said that he allowed the construction of a nuclear power plant in Koh Kong Province.

One asked to conduct a feasibility study for a nuclear power plant in Koh Kong Province, but I did not allow it, he said at a graduation ceremony of students at A sia-Europe University.

“it is not the right time for Cambodia to build it.” Cambodia’s capacity has not reached the level of building the nuclear power plant, he said, adding that even Indonesia has not yet reached that level.

Xinhua

Traffic accidents kill at least 1,589 people in Cambodia in 10 months

Cambodia has had a total of 3,553 road accidents, 1,589 people in Cambodia in the past year, 3,553 road accidents happened, representing a 16 percent drop from 4,344 cases at the same period last year.

In addition to the deaths, 6,114 others were injured in road accidents during the period, down 16 percent from 7,338. Main causes of the accidents remain over-speed driving, alcohol driving and neglect driving.

In the whole year of 2011, traffic accidents had claimed 1,890 human lives in the country and were estimated to cost the country about 310 million US dollars.

Xinhua

Indian fashion designers participate in 5th China-Fashion Week


The event is organized by the China Fashion Association and its theme is: "A Journey of Fashion and Culture, " according to the report.

The event was attended by 51 designers from at least 11 countries, according to local media reported.

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Xinhua
WASHINGTON, 29 Oct—US President Barack Obama on Saturday highlighted the role of a federal consumer protection agency, vowing to constantly promote Wall Street reforms to prevent Americans from suffering another financial crisis.

Obama was considered to lure industry lobbyists, they’ve always been trying to roll back tough Wall Street reforms that he would refuse to let that happen and continue to move reforms forward.

However, he asserted, Republicans in Congress had always been trying to roll back tough Wall Street reforms that he would refuse to let that happen and continue to move reforms forward.

With just 10 days left to the presidential election, Obama and his Republican challenger Mitt Romney are both in full speed to campaign. The fresh weekly address by Obama was considered to lure grassroots voters.

Beihang University urged to boost education, innovation

Beihang was founded in 1952 as the Beijing Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics (BUAA), as it celebrated its 60th founding anniversary on Saturday. Jia hailed the Beihang for his weekly address, citing that the CFPB and other regulators recently ordered three big creditcard companies to return over 400 million US dollars to people who were misled into making purchases they didn’t want.

To stem the devastating financial crisis that began four years ago from spreading from Wall Street to Main Street, the United States passed new tough Wall Street reforms and the nation had recovered much from the crisis, said the president. US businesses had added more than 5 million new jobs, and the unemployment rate had fallen to the lowest level since he took office, Obama said.

What the CFPB did is what Wall Street reform is all about, looking out for working families and ensuring everyone is playing by the same rules, he said.

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R&B singer Natina Reed hit and killed by car in Georgia

LOS ANGELES, 29 Oct—Natina Reed, a member of the R&B trio Blaque, was struck and killed by a car as she walked in a major roadway in Georgia, police said on Saturday.

Reed, who also appeared in the cheerleader movie “Bring It On” in 2000, would have turned 33 on Sunday. She was struck by a car at about 10:30 pm Friday on a state highway just north of the Atlanta suburb of Lithuan, Gwinnett County Police Sergeant Rich Long said. The car’s driver called 911 and a passenger performed CPR but Reed was pronounced dead at an area medical center, police said. Authorities ruled the driver was not at fault and no charges were expected to be filed, Long said.

Investigators were trying to determine why Reed was on the road, Long said.

As part of Blaque, Reed performed the 1999 hits “Bring It All to Me” and “308” with fellow members Shamari Fears DeVoe and Brandy Williams.

CHINESE PRESIDENT SENDS CONDOLENCES TO CUBA OVER HURRICANE

BEIJING, 29 Oct—Chinese President Hu Jintao on Saturday sent a message of condolences to Cuban leader Raul Castro to mourn the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy in eastern Cuba.

He expressed his deep sympathy with the Cuban government and people over the hurricane's property losses and serious impacts on people's livelihood caused by the massive storm. Hu said he was confident that under the strong leadership of the Cuban party and government, the Cuban people will certainly overcome the natural disaster, restore order to their production and lives, and rebuild their homes.

Eleven people were killed Thursday as Hurricane Sandy battered the eastern provinces of Cuba, damaging homes, schools and hospitals, and knocking down trees and power lines.

Six pupils killed in NW China truck crash

LANZHOU, 29 Oct—the death toll from a truck crash in northwest China rose to seven after one more child died in hospital after treatment failed, local authorities said on Saturday. A four-year-old boy died on Saturday afternoon in hospital, raising the death toll to seven, including six pupils and one villager, said an official of the Lanzhou City, Gansu Province.

The accident happened at about 5:10 pm Friday, when a truck veered off a mountain road and plunged 200 meters down a valley in Wudu District of Lanzhou City.

The truck was carrying nine students from a local primary school and three villagers when it crashed. One person was rescued and escaped from the vehicle.

Driver Wang Yuxian and his brother were in serious condition, said doctors with Lanzhou City People's Hospital. The other three injuries were less serious.

An initial investigation showed the truck was climbing up a slope when its engine suddenly went dead, making it slip back and fall down the valley, according to the official.
Osaka, 29 Oct—Universal Studios Japan (USJ) opened in Osaka’s Konohana Ward in March 2001. It received its biggest number of visitors, about 11 million, in the first year.

In fiscal 2011, about 8.8 million people visited USJ.

Kyodo News

Yumiko Yamashita from Tokyo holds a number plate at Universal Studios Japan in Osaka on 29 Oct, 2012, upon becoming the 100 millionth visitor to the US-originated Hollywood movie theme park since its opening in March 2001.

Kyodo News

Tori Amos puts new spin on old songs for "Gold Dust"

NEW YORK, 29 Oct—Tori Amos has been performing in bars and clubs since the age of 13, but the pianist-singer-songwriter’s new tour and album mark 20 years since her breakthrough solo debut album “Little Earthquakes.”

Throughout October, Amos, 49, has been touring with songs from her new album “Gold Dust,” which reinterprets hits from the past two decades, accompanied by the Metropole Orchestra. The album, released on 2 October, follows her 2011 song cycle “Night of Hunters,” also inspired by classical music.

A mos, a classically trained musician, talked to Reuters about “Gold Dust” and how she has forged new paths for American singer-songwriters.

Q. How difficult was it recording and touring with “Gold Dust” and playing with all these different orchestras? A. “It’s been a thrilling journey—I have had to really learn that an orchestra is an entity—it’s a creature. I have been calling it the dragon and the conductor is the dragon tamer. And you just have to... ride and don’t let go and you will be fine.”

“So it’s a tango, it’s pushing and pulling and answering each other and inspiring each other. And that’s really where the love affair comes from ‘Gold Dust.’”

Q. Was it tricky to record and reinterpret old songs?

A. “I had to realize that you are going to look at songs that you might have known for the last 20 years. You also have to look at who they were when you first met them, and who they have become.”—Reuters

France’s ‘The Other Son’ wins grand prix at Tokyo film festival

TOKYO, 29 Oct—French film “The Other Son,” directed by Lorraine Levy, was awarded on Sunday the Tokyo Sakura Grand Prix, the top prize at the 25th Tokyo International Film Festival.

Levy, who also wrote the script for the film—which depicts the Israel-Palestine conflict through the eyes of two young men, one Israeli and one Palestinian, switched at birth—was given the A ward for Best Director.

The Special Jury Prize went to South Korean director Kang Yi-kae’s “Juvenile Offender.” South Korean actor Seo Young-ju who played the part of a teenage boy in prostitution in the film was given the A ward for Best Actor.

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Lorraine Levy, who directed French film "The Other Son," smiles at Roppongi Hills commercial complex in Tokyo on 28 Oct, 2012, after the film was awarded the Tokyo Sakura Grand Prix, the top prize at the 25th Tokyo International Film Festival.

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The award presentation ceremony was held on the festival’s final day at Roppongi Hills in Tokyo.

Nasihah Ataqul, who starred in “Araf — Somewhere in Between,” picked up the A ward for Best Actress, while the A ward for Best Artistic Contribution went to “Ship of Theseus.”

The Audience Award, chosen by the general public, went to “Flashback Memories 3D” directed by Tetsuaki Matsuou of Japan.

A total of 15 films, including two Japanese works, were enrolled in the international competition.

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Universal Studios Japan visitors top 100 million


The visitor was congratulated by Snoopy and Sesame Street characters and given a special free one-year pass, which allows attractions to be enjoyed at the park without having to queue during the period.

Tokyo Disneyland, the most popular amusement park in Japan, welcomed its 100 millionth visitor after eight years and one month.
Serena reigns supreme in Istanbul

Istanbul, 29 Oct—Serena Williams claimed her seventh WTA title of the year with a powerful win over Maria Sharapova in the final of the season-ending WTA Championships in Istanbul on Sunday. American Williams took her first set 6-4 and followed up in the second by beating the Russian 6-3 with a late barrage of forehand winners.

The victory caps off an impressive 2012 for Williams who has lifted trophies at Wimbledon, M adrid, Charleston, the London Olympics and the US Open.

“I would say it’s pretty much the best season of my career, a little bit of a slow start though, so I have to give it to 2002—but there’s always 2013,” Williams told (www.wtatennis.com).

Sharapova was full of praise for Williams. “She had another great serving day against me—I don’t think I even had a break point,” Sharapova said.—Reuters

Federer to skip Paris Masters

BASLE, 29 Oct— Defending champion Roger Federer has decided to miss next week’s Paris Masters, the world number one said on Sunday.

“It’s just too much, I was trying to make up my mind and I had some little niggling stuff I didn’t want to take a chance on,” he told reporters after losing to Juan Martin del Potro in the Basel Open final.

I had one of the best weeks of my life there last year, but this is just a last-minute decision,” said the 28-year-old German.

Federer has decided to miss the next week’s Paris Masters, as he continues to recover from a knee injury. Williams had another great serving day against me—I don’t think I even had a break point,” Sharapova said.—Reuters

Watney shoots 61 to win in Malaysia, Woods fourth

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 Oct—American Nick Watney fired a course-record 10-under-par 61 to overhaul compatriot Bo Van Pelt and win the $6.1 million CIMB Classic on Sunday after a brave run by Tiger Woods again fell short on the back nine.

Watney started the day four back of overnight leaders Bo Van Pelt (66) and Robert Garrigus (66) but, after flirting with golf’s magical number 59, ended one ahead on 22-under 262 to win the Asian and PGA Tour co-sanctioned event in Malaysia.

Woods hauled himself into contention with an eight-under 63 but had to settle for a three-way tie for fourth place, three behind Watney, and will rue a number of missed opportunities on the closing holes when he was close enough to challenge.

Watney needed to birdie the last to shoot the rare 59, but he could only bogey the hole after a poor second from the rough to the par-four fell 30 yards short of the green and gave Van Pelt hope of a playoff.

Van Pelt, who double-bogeyed the last chasing a 59 of his own in the third round on Saturday, failed to force a playoff, though, when he could only par the 409-yard 18th after hitting his approach into a greenside bunker.

The 31-year-old Watney, who won the PGA Tour’s Barclays Tournament in August, could then celebrate after his brilliant 11-birdie show on the short and soggy Mines Golf Course, which proved an easy test for the 48-man field after a third consecutive day of preferred lies.

“I wasn’t really thinking about winning when I teed off, but the round sort of built momentum and things just kept getting better and better. I’m thrilled to come away with the win,” Watney told reporters.

“After the first round, I thought I was out of it to be honest, the lead was eight-under and there were many guys,” the world number 22 added.

Watney had an eventful last lap opening round 71 with his caddie suffering heat stroke and forcing his wife to carry his bag for the final hole of the day before back-to-back 65s gave him a slim hope for Sunday.

“I saw leaderboards on the front nine but I was still well back,” Watney said of his fast final round start.—Reuters

Vettel wins Indian GP, Alonso second

GREATER NOIDA, 29 Oct—Red Bull’s Sebastian Vettel won the Indian Grand Prix on Sunday and stretched his Formula One championship lead over Ferrari’s Fernando Alonso, who was a battling second, to 13 points with three races remaining. The victory from pole position was the world champion’s fourth in a row—the first time he has done that in a single season—and maintained his dominance in India after winning last year’s inaugural race at the hazy Buddh International Circuit from pole.

The 25-year-old German now has 240 points to 227 for Alonso, who started in fifth place, and his surge towards a third title in a row is beginning to look unstoppable despite the Spaniard’s best efforts.

His fifth win of the season was the 26th of his career, and the only mistake he made all afternoon was to switch off the engine too early as he came into the pitlane to park under the podium after Indian 2012 Olympic shooting bronze medalist Gagan Narang had waved the chequered flag. Australian team mate Mark Webber, who was third, gave the winning Red Bull a push with his car to reach the correct spot. “A very special grand prix. I don’t know what it is about this circuit but I really like the flow of it,” said Vettel, who has now led every single lap for three successive races—a feat last managed by the late triple champion Ayrton Senna in 1989.—Reuters
Hurricane Sandy blows US election off course

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct—Hurricane Sandy blew the US presidential race off course on Sunday even before it came ashore, forcing Republican Mitt Romney to shift his campaign inland and fueling fears that a massive storm bearing down on the East Coast could disrupt an election that is already under way.

As he juggled his governing duties with his re-election effort, President Barack Obama said the heavily populated East Coast could face power failures and other disruptions for several days.

"Don't anticipate that just because the immediate storm has passed that we're not going to have some potential problems in a lot of these communities going forward through the week," Obama said after a visit to the federal government's storm-response centre.

Obama later flew to Florida for a campaign stop. Like Romney, he canceled events in Virginia, a battleground state that could bear the brunt of the storm's impact. Obama canceled plans to campaign in Ohio after Monday's event in Florida, opting to return to the White House instead.

"I'm not going to be able to campaign quite as much over the next couple of days," Obama told volunteers at a local campaign office in Orlando late on Sunday. "So you guys gotta carry the ball," he said to cheers.

An extended power outage could sideline millions of dollars worth of television advertising that is set to saturate the airwaves in the final days of the race. It also scrambles their efforts to schedule rallies in the handful of states that are likely to decide the outcome.

"The poll numbers aren't changing that much and I don't think the storm is going to change that dynamic. It's just going to present logistical challenges for the campaign," Hunter College political science professor Jamie Chandler said. A severe disruption could hurt Obama more than Romney because his campaign has counted on early voting to lock up the support of those who may be less likely to vote on Election Day, Chandler said.

Tokyo gubernatorial election to be held 16 December

TOKYO, 29 Oct—The Tokyo metropolitan election board decided Monday to hold the Tokyo gubernatorial election on 16 December, after Gov Shintaro Ishihara said last week he will step down in a bid to return to national politics.

The official campaigning for the gubernatorial election will begin 29 November, board members said.

To the decision, Ishihara's resignation was reported to the board by Akihiko Nakamura chairman of the Tokyo metropolitan assembly. According to the election law, an election must be held within 50 days of the resignation.

China to promote students’ physical education

BEIJING, 29 Oct—Local governments and schools have been told to promote the health of students and physical education (PE) courses.

A circular, published on Monday by the general office of the State Council, or China’s Cabinet, requires measures to ensure that primary and middle school students spend one hour each day on schoolyard sports.

Time devoted to PE courses and sports should not be reduced or diverted for other use, according to the circular.

The State Council has approved a document looking at ways to strengthen PE among students.

It was jointly submitted by the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Finance, the National Development and Reform Commission and the General Administration of Sport, said the circular.

The document also vowed more government investment.

It encouraged efforts to organize more after-class sports activities for students and told schools to support students’ sports clubs.—Xinhua

Dempsey arrives in Israel to oversee joint air defence drill

JERUSALEM, 29 Oct—The US chairman of joint chiefs of staff, General Martin Dempsey, arrived on Sunday to oversee the largest joint-Israel-US air defence drill of its kind, which is currently underway.

Dempsey met with Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak and the two discussed the exercise and regional issues, the Jerusalem Post reported.

Barak was quoted as saying after the meeting that the security ties between the US and Israel “are deep and strong in a way they haven’t been for many years in the past.” On Monday, Dempsey and Israeli Defense Forces Chief of Staff Lt-Gen Benny Gantz are expected to tour areas where the missile defense drill is being held.

The majority of the exercise, named Auster Challenge 2012, involves the computer simulation of long and medium-range missile attacks on the Israeli homefront, and their interception.—Reuters

One police officer killed in PKK attacks in southeastern Turkey

ANKARA, 29 Oct—One police officer was killed and two others wounded in attacks staged by members of the banned Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) in southeastern Turkey on Sunday, private Dogan news agency reported.

A group of PKK militants attacked the building of Sirnak provincial government, a police department and a police checkpoint with automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) in downtown of the province of Sirnak, leaving three police officers wounded.

One wounded police officer died in Sirnak State Hospital.

A large-scale operation was launched to capture the PKK members who escaped from the spot.

Meanwhile, one child was seriously wounded in a bomb explosion near a police checkpoint in the southeastern province of Hakkar.

The PKK, listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, took up arms in 1984 in an attempt to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey.
Jockeys under training for XXVII SEA Games

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Oct — The XXVII SEA Games will include the endurance, dressage and show jumping contests, categorizing individual and team events for six gold medals.

Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee U Tint Hsan observed jockeys taking training for the SEA Games at Moe Equestrian Club in NyaungU Township in Mandalay Region yesterday. At the meeting with sports athletes, the Union Minister for Sports Ny Max Oo observed jockeys under training for the SEA Games at Moe Equestrian Club in NyaungU Township in Mandalay Region. The Union Minister said horse race courses and stables will be established in Nay Pyi Taw and the ministry will provide assistance to athletes.

He also presented K3 million to Myanmar Equestrian Federation.

Afghan child labour remains rampant in brick kiln industry

Afghan children work at a brick factory on the outskirt of Nangarhar province of eastern Afghanistan on 29 Oct, 2012. The child labour has remained rampant in brick kiln industry of the country. Some 56 percent of brick makers in Afghanistan are children under the age of 18, according to a survey report released by UN International Labour Organization (ILO) in February...