WASHINGTON, 5 Nov—President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney make a frenetic dash to a series of crucial swing states on Monday, delivering their final arguments to voters on the last day of an extraordinarily close race.

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Public announcement for remonstration

1. National Democratic Party for Human Rights headquartered at No (54/ka) in Ward-8 of Mayangon Township of Yangon Region on 5-11-2012 submitted its applications to register as a political party under the Article-5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the day of the announcement.

Application for registration of political party submitted

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 Nov—Union Election Commission is scrutinizing and passing the applications for registration as a political party. National Democratic Party for Human Rights submitted the application for registration as a political party to the Union Election Commission today.

Yangon, 5 Nov—Work is well under way to turn Yangon into a city of international level based on a plan of transforming its port into a public recreation centre. In the process, officials of Myanmar Port Authority are to make clarifications which are to be discussed by those from Yangon City Development Committee to ensure that the plan is in line with Yangon City Development Project. With this end in view, those from media world are invited for good suggestions, said Union Minister for Transport U Nyunt Aung at the clarification on work progress and future tasks on Yangon Port Development project being implemented under Port Conceptual Plan held at the MPA here this morning.

Next, General Manager of MPA U Kyaw Myn explained work being carried and future tasks for Yangon Port Development project being implemented under Port Conceptual Plan.

Afterwards, Yangon Region Development Affairs Minister Yangon M Ayo U Hla Myattin reported to the minister, saying that it is required not to harm the beautiful scenes of historic buildings in implementing the project and YCDC will give a helping hand to the most possible degree to the drive for development of Yangon Port.

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(5th November, 2012)

Five Defence Services Personnel Region or State Hluttaw representatives substituted

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Kayah State Hluttaw

Substitution

(1) BC 20309
(2) BC 33101
Major Thein Hlut Win
Magway Region Hluttaw
(3) BC 29663
Major Ye Win Aung
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Gov’t starting to register farmlands:

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United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization Representative to Myanmar M Su Bi Tha Lan elaborated on the cooperation between the ministry and FAO for the release of the report. Papers about land registration were read out at the paper reading session.

MobiFone holds workshop on sustainable development strategies

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Brahimi will deliver a report in the FM meeting about the future horizons for the Syrian crisis, and his visions to tackle the crisis based on his triple meeting here in Cairo with the AL chief Nabil al-Arabi and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

The FMs’ meeting will also touch upon preparations for the UN conference on evacuating the Middle East for the first time in the country’s history.

Speaking at the joint Press conference at the State House in Mogadishu, Shirdoon said that he formed new cabinet with security as a priority.

While the difficult situation our country is in, Somalia formed a small cabinet of full quality that can lead the country to reliable stability in this difficult time,” Prime Minister Shirdoon said.

The 17th Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, addresses the Eighth Plenary Session of the 17th Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) of the CPC in Beijing, capital of China, on 4 Nov, 2012.

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President George W Bush are set to expire in January, when automatic spending cuts designed to put pressure on lawmakers to strike a long-term budget deal are also set to kick in.

What remains a sort of key aspect is that the United States is not respecting the current commitments (to reduce its deficit) and does not have a credible fiscal consolidation plan,” one European official said.

The US Congress will also soon have to raise the nation’s debt limit to avoid a default. A initial consensus around the need for urgent action to prevent a new recession has given way to deep differences over issues such as spending to boost growth and the right pace of belt-tightening to tackle high debt levels.

Jose Angel Gurria, head of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, said on Saturday the G20 should appeal to the United States to avoid the fiscal cliff, but added he was optimistic that Congress would strike a deal.

“I still believe it is not going to be applied,” Gurria said in an interview before the meeting of G20 finance chiefs, which formally starts on Sunday. Officials are also concerned about Japan’s own fiscal cliff, and recognize that previous commitments made by developed countries to cut their budget deficits in half by 2013 and to stabilize their debt load by 2015 look unfactual.

Economists and European officials are also likely to come under pressure from G20 peers for dragging their feet on implementing the so-called Bas III accords on financial regulations, the world’s response to the 2007-09 financial crisis.

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The app’s the thing as Shakespeare goes digital

New York, 5 Nov—William Shakespeare’s plays are getting a 21st century-style makeover in the form of new apps for tablets and smart phones near-ly 500 years after the Bard took pen to parchment.

Plays such as “Romeo and Juliet” and “Macbeth” spring to life in iPad apps released by Cambridge University Press, which pairs the texts with audio performances, commentary and other interactive content, transforming the clas-sic plays for the digital age.

The apps are part of a new series called Explore Shakespeare that was intro-duced by the British pub-lishing house to expand the playwright’s reach to casual readers.

“A lot of people have a copy of Shakespeare on their bookshelves that they never got around to reading because they have this idea that Shakespeare is hard or has to be studied to be ap-preciated,” said John Pettigrew, executive producer of the Explore Shakespeare series.

Pettigrew believes the plays are meant to be en-joyed and are accessible provided readers are given context to overcome outdated or poetic language.

“While the core focus of the app is on the actual text, readers can consult glossaries, notes, photos and synopses at any point in the script. "Everything there is designed to keep you in the play and to put you in the mind of the actor, director or writer," he explained.

To understand less common language, read-ers can tap on words and phrases to delve into their meaning.

“A classic one is in ‘Romeo and Juliet’ which is ‘wherefore art thou Ro-meoy’. It’s not ‘where are you Romeo?’. It’s ‘why are you Romeo?’ So that kind of phrase gets a glossary to explain what is meant,” said Pettigrew.

The apps also include full audio performances from stars such as Kate Beckinsale and Martin Sheen. Other features help readers to see the con-textual interactions between actors in a scene, understand how Shakespeare interweaves themes throughout the play, and to analyze the text more thoroughly.

“You can delve into the language or themes or interpretation, but our first task is to show that it’s just a good story,” Pettigrew said.

Idaho scientist seeks to launch aerial Bigfoot search with blimp

Salmon, (Idaho), 5 Nov — An Idaho scientist is shrugging off skeptical fellow scholars in his quest for evidence of Bigfoot. He has turned his sights skyward, with plans to float a blimp over the US mountain West in search of the mythic, ape-like creature.

Idaho State University has approved the unusual proposal of faculty scholar Jeffrey Meldrum, an anatomy and anthropology professor ridiculed by some peers for past research of a being whose existence is widely disputed by mainstream science. Now Meldrum is seeking to raise $300,000-plus in private donations to build the remote-controlled dirigible, equip it with a thermal-imaging camera and send it aloft in hopes of catching an aerial glimpse of Bigfoot, also known as sasquatch.

Meldrum, author of “Sasquatch: Legend Meets Science,” said the undertaking represents a giant leap in the quest for an animal he believes may have descended from a giant ape that once inhabited Asia and crossed the Bering land bridge to North America.

“The challenge is to find a way of satisfying the skeptics argue. The expected search for Bigfoot is that once inhabited Asia and crossed the Bering land bridge to North America. They contend that science demands a high standard of evidence that has not been achieved in the case of sasquatch. No fossils or other physical evidence has been unearthed to suggest that Bigfoot has been captured or killed,

New Zealand disappointed at failure to secure marine reserve for Antarctica

Wellington, 5 Nov — The New Zealand govern-ment on Friday ex-pressed disappointment at the failure of the interna-tional community to agree on a proposal for a marine protected area (MPA) in the Antarctic’s Ross Sea re-gion. Foreign Affairs Min-ister Murray McCully said many of the groups inter-ested in achieving an MPA in the Ross Sea had under-estimated the challenge of securing the agreement of all 25 member states of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), each of whom had a different agenda.

“I have consistently said that it would be difficult to find a way of satisfying the range of interests represented around the CCAMLR table,” McCully wrote in a statement after the CCAMLR meeting in Hobart, Australia.

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EU boosts radio spectrum for superfast mobile services

New York, 5 Nov — The European Commission is to release a swath of radio spectrum to give mobile and internet companies more space for rolling out faster fourth-generation (4G) wireless services.

Monday’s announce-ment means an extra 120 MHz of spectrum will be available for 4G from 2014 at the latest to try to accommodate a sharp rise in the use of such services on mobile devices. The radi GHz, pumped by all wireless technologies for sending and receiving infor-mation, is becoming increas-ingly crowded as mobile demand adds to TV and radio broadcasting in using a resource also needed by emergency services and military telecommunications.

Industry estimates put growth in global mobile data traffic at 26 percent annually by 2015. According to networking- firm Cisco Systems, mobile data traffic volumes in the European Union are expected to increase by more than 90 percent each year for the next 5 years.

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Alongside the Windows 8 release, Intel and its PC- maker partners are releasing a range of unusual new computing form factors, from convertible tablets to touch desktops. The question is will they sell? — Reuters
Algerian energy giant to invest 80 billion USD on oil and gas projects

**Algeria, 5 Nov** — Algeria’s energy giant Sonatrach will invest 80 billion USD in oil and natural gas projects from 2012 to 2016, Chief Executive Officer Abdelmadjid Zerguine said at the China Import and Export Fair in South China’s Guangdong Province.

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**Afghanistan becomes largest market**

**Guangzhou, 5 Nov** — Afghanistan has become the largest export market for medicine made in China and one of the fastest-growing markets for Chinese medical products, a senior medical official said on Saturday at an ongoing import-export fair in south China’s Guangdong Province.

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**Higher income versus better health**

**Beijing, 5 Nov** — China’s economic growth has led to dramatic changes over the last 20 years. Cities such as Beijing are home to some of the wealthiest people in the world, there are an estimated 100 million cars on the roads in China, and perhaps most dramatically, Chinese people consume more meat, dairy products, processed foods and sugar beverages than ever before.

According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, the period between 1990 and 2009 saw a decline in per capita consumption of cereals, roots, and beans. During the same period, consumption of fast food, dairy products and meat can have serious consequences on health. There are now more than 40 million KFC, and McDonald’s outlets in China. In China, Loadiing up on hamburgers, fried chicken, pizza and other high-fat food can lead to heart disease, obesity and type II diabetes. Roughly 92 million people in China suffer from type II diabetes, a disease that was nearly unknown in the country until recently. China has 30 million more type II diabetics than India, the world’s next most populous country. A 2010 study by the Columbia University Medical Center estimates that heart disease and stroke rates in China will increase by up to 73 percent by 2030. “China’s standard of living and life expectancy have improved but aging dietary changes and reduced physical activity are leading to more heart disease and stroke,” said Dr Andrew M. MCune, the lead author of the study. In addition, according to the report, a 64 percent increase (3.4 million cases) in deaths related to coronary heart disease is expected between 2020 and 2030. China’s shift to a high-fat diet has a grave impact on the environment, too. The Barilla Centre for Food & Nutrition’s “Double Pyramid” model shows how less healthy foods, including meat, dairy products and high-fat oils, can take a huge toll on natural resources, leading to land degradation, soil erosion and increased greenhouse gas emissions. Industrial animal production, or factory farming, in China has generated large amounts of manure, leading to dead zones along the country’s coast. Besides, food waste is growing in China. Restaurants and consumers throw away an estimated 60 million tons of food per year — enough to feed 200 million people, or 15 percent of China’s population — Xinhua

**Metal-removing therapy may help some heart patients— study**

**Los Angeles, 5 Nov** — A controversy therapy to remove heavy metals from the bloodstream was shown in a new trial to cut the risk of another major heart problem in patients who have already suffered a heart attack, but researchers cautioned that the benefit was small and more study is needed.

Chelation therapy, an alternative treatment dismissed by many medical professionals as quackery, has its origins in unproven 50-year-old theories about the cause of arterial plaques, the fatty deposits that can cause heart attacks.

Despite no clear evidence of a benefit, and the real risk of side effects such as low blood calcium levels, a 2007 survey found that over 100,000 US heart patients had undergone the $5,000 treatment. The results, presented at a meeting of the American Heart Association, showed that 26 percent of patients given a new chelation infusion had a heart attack, stroke, coronary revascularization, or death. However, a five-year study presented at the China Import and Export Fair in Miami Beach, Fla., and the trial’s lead investigator, “This does not constitute sufficient evidence to recommend this treatment.” The 1,708-patient trial to assess chelation therapy (TACT) was launched in 2002 under auspices of the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute and the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

Patients in the study were treated with either a solution containing ethylenediamine tetra-acetic (EDTA), vitamin C, B-vitamins, electrolytes, a local anesthetic and the anti-clotting drug heparin, or a placebo infusion of salt water and a small amount of sugar. Dr Lamas and others said the level of statistical difference between the groups was small and more work needs to be done to rule out whether the results were due to chance. “This is a diverse multi-component intervention,” said Dr Paul Armstrong, senior cardiologist at the University Hospital in Edmonton and a professor at the University of Alberta. He cited the absence of a clear biologic rationale for chelation therapy, and described the trial findings as “a clear biologic rationale for chelation therapy, and described the trial findings as “a clear biologic rationale for chelation therapy, and described the trial findings as “a clear biologic rationale for chelation therapy, and described the trial findings as "A controversial therapy — Xinhua

**Bypassing cholesterol in heart attacks**

**Los Angeles, 5 Nov** — Diabetics with one diseased artery fared significantly better if they underwent bypass surgery than those who received drug coated stents following artery clearing procedures to improve blood flow to the heart, according to data reported from a five-year study presented on Sunday. After five years, the bypass group had a lower combined rate of heart attacks, strokes and deaths of 18.7 percent versus 26.7 percent for the stent group in the 1,900-patient study funded by the US National Institutes of Health.

The result was deemed to be highly statistically significant, researchers said. Previous studies had demonstrated the superiority of bypass surgery over the use of bare metal stents — tiny mesh tubes used to prop open cleared arteries. Researchers suspected that newer stents coated with drugs to prevent reocclusion might negate some of the bypass advantage, but that turned out not to be the case. The advantages were striking in this trial and could change treatment recommendations for thousands of individuals with diabetes and heart disease,” said Dr Valentin Fuster, director of Mount Sinai’s Heart Institute and a professor at the Feinberg School of Medicine in New York, who presented the findings at the American Heart Association’s conference meeting in Los Angeles. “There was a huge incidence of stroke in bypass patients — 2 percent versus 2.4 percent. — Reuters

**A visitor tries a piece of jewellery at the 11th International Jewellery Art Fair in Amsterdam on 4 Nov, 2012. The four-day exhibition closed on Tuesday attracting more than 150 jewellery designers from all over the world. — Xinhua**
All-round renovation of Kayan Bronze Buddha Image underway

KAYAN, 5 Nov — Under the leadership of Nayaka Sayadaw and laypersons, all-round renovation of Sekkyamarazein Bronze Buddha Image over more than 90 years old and religious edifices in the compound of the Pagoda in Kayan is being carried out by the board of trustees of the pagoda.

Various kinds of religious buildings are under repair with the contributions of well-wishers. So far, K 300 million has been spent on completion of 95 per cent of renovation works. It is set to meet cent per cent completion of all renovation works on Fullmoon Day of Taazaungmon (All-round renovation tasks, including construction of a prayer hall, are expected to cost K 400 million.

Sekkyamarazein bronze Buddha Image was built on 19 acres owned by U Ba Tha Hla, and Daw Tha M N M M in 1286 M E with the contributions of townsmen. The Buddha Image was made by shaping 230 viss of bronze. Relics and pieces of jewellery were enshrined at the Buddhahall. The annual Buddha Puja Nya Festival is held from 8th Waking of Tabauk to Fullmoon Day of Tabauk. Those who want to make cash donations for all-round renovation of the Buddha Image may contact Chairman of the Board of Trustees U Myint Soe (Ph: 09 8612424), Vice-Chairman U Myint Ko (Ph: 09 448012048), Secretary U Myo Nyunt (Ph: 056 30404) and office of the board (Ph: 056 30283).

Police seize large amount of Pseudoephedrine tablets in Tamu

TAMU, 5 Nov — A combined force comprising members of Tamu Police and Station and special anti-narcotic squad seized 210,400 pseudoephedrine tablets while making a search of Ye Wint Aung bus line in Tamu of Sagaing Region.

Moreover, police members arrested Lar Hla Hna Win, son of Pyun Lian N N N, in Zaydan Ward-4 of Tamu and seized 101,600 pseudoephedrine tablets with him in ward.

Myanmar elephant and precious teak

PYINMANA, 5 Nov — Everyone likes Myanmar teak as it is renowned for its high level of strength and durability in the world. That’s why the second Anglo-Burmese war took place due to illegal extraction of teak. Teak grows well in Pyinmana, the central part of Yoma mountain ranges. The honourable symbol of Pyinmana is a statue of an elephant pulling a teak log at Shwe Nyeung Bin junction, entrance to Yangon Road, in the centre of the town. This log is 126 years old, proving the high level of strength and durability of teak. — Kyemon

Visa credit card coming to Myanmar

YANGON, 5 Nov — Through VisaNet, Visa can make 24,000 electronic payments per second, protecting customers from credit card fraud and providing businessmen with credit card payment service under guarantee.

Arrangements have been made for realization of credit card payment system in Myanmar. With the aim of ensuring infrastructural development of financial institutions in Myanmar and giving a helping hand in Myanmar’s drive for entering international market, credit card giant Visa signed a memorandum of understanding with the government of Myanmar on November 5.

Mgway sees book corner

MAGWAY, 5 Nov — Free education school of Mandalay Social Association was launched with 250 high school students for 2012-13 academic year.

The school that can hold 30 students was established by U Wi Win M Tin, chairman of Mandalay social association, for 2011-12 academic year. Thanks to increased students during this academic year, U Thant and Daw Chit Chit of M Tin M Tin Kinh building a three-storey building at a cost of K 256 million for the school that can hold 600 students now.

A group of teachers comprising retired professors, lecturers and senior assistant teachers totaling 20 led by U Chit Hto, retired township education officer are giving free education to 250 students.

Hninzigone home for the aged opens arts gallery

YANGON, 5 Nov — Hninzigone arts gallery was opened in famous Hninzigone Home for the Aged in Yangon was opened on 3 November.

Paintings belong to the home and other famous artworks are put on display at the gallery opened at Hninzigone villa built in commemoration of Mya in U Tin in the compound of the home facility.

The proceeds from the sale of the artworks will go to charity for the older persons.

The gallery will also be hired for arts show. Currently, the gallery displays more than 70 paintings. The oldest home for the aged in Myanmar lies on Kaba Aye Pagoda road in Bahan Township of Yangon Region. — Myanma Alinn

Coord meeting on curbing crimes held

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov — A coordination meeting on curbing crimes was held at the meeting hall of the office of Langkho District Police Commissioner on 30 October. It was attended by Police Commissioner of Langkho District Police Lt-Col Hlaing Tint and the Linkhay Township administrator and ward/ village administrators. They held talks on tasks for curbing crimes. — Kyemon

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**Chin brethren celebrate Khuado festival**

**Kalay, 5 Nov—** Chin nationals celebrated Khuado Paw festival, the most important one in 18 traditional festival of the ethenic race, starting from 14th waxing of 1 hainingyt for three days in Kalay. Evidences of the festival which is supposed to be more than 600 years old, dated back to 14 AD are found. The purpose of the festival is to celebrate the successful harvest and drive out the devils. The prayers at the festival range from health and successful harvest of the villagers to the prosperity of the nation. 

**Crime**

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**Farmers fed up by price fall**

**Pyu, 5 Nov—** Farmers in Pyu Township of Toungoo District of Bago Region are hoping for higher yields of monsoon paddy this year as they put 154,356 acres under monsoon paddy which were well fed by the rain. U Aung Myint, a farmer from Kyungon village in the township, said the yield will be higher than the previous year.

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**Suspect Thit San Aung, 31, managed to evade capture but seized by Inbin police station in 24 hours after the offence.**

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The fight was sparked off by the argument while the two participated in cooking meal for Sangha in early morning.

Kyi Aung filed a law suite at Mzaungyi police station and the suspect is detained.

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**Chinese exports to India**

Garments, slippers and other construction materials from China to India are flowing through Reedkhodha, a border town 90 miles away from Kalay of Sagaing Region.

Demands from India are increasing as Christmas is nearing, said an in-charge of a truck line. He said, “Fully loaded trucks and passenger buses are commuting every day.”

**MAI launches Mandalay-Gaya route**

**Yangon, 5 Nov—** Myanmar Airways International launched Mandalay-Both Gaya route on 1 November.

The first-ever flight from the cultural city to the sacred origin of the Buddha started with pilgrims filling all seats of Air Bus A-320. The 108 pilgrims are now visiting four holy sites of the Buddha. The pilgrimage is arranged by the airline and pilgrimage service providers.

“Mandalarians welcome the establishment of visa office in Mandalay and landing of international flights at Mandalay International Airport. It cuts cost as we no more need to go to Yangon,” U Sein M yaing, an embroidery artist, said. He predicted that the number of pilgrims would increase and future of the Mandalay International Airport will be bright.

The state flag carrier will fly the route thrice a week on every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, departing at 11 am.

The return flight from Gaya airport will be at 1.15 pm on the same days.

**Famous producer of bamboo**

**Reedkhodha serves as transit centre for Chinese exports to India**

[Image 71x667 to 411x850]

Chinese producers reached the border market through Muse-Mandalay-Kalay route and moved into India through Kalay-Tiddim-Reedkhodha-India route. Transportation is provided by local truck lines.
For national economic growth

For achieving economic growth of the country, we must first make efforts for the progress of the agricultural business which till at present is the base of the national economy. Moreover we need to give priority to the development of the livelihood of the peasants and also to food security of every person.

So, we are seeking ways for speeding up our task of encouraging the utilization of scientific cultivation methods and growing high-yield crops.

Here, closer cooperation among the peasants, the government and agro-companies is vital for our country to achieve success in developing the whole agricultural sector through reform measures.

Moreover, the relevant government institutions, NGOs and business organizations will have to render assistance to farmers in their land preparation work and make sure that irrigation water reaches their farmlands.

As our country’s per acre yield is lower than that of neighbouring countries such as Thailand and Vietnam, officials of the departments concerned in cooperation with international organizations and the private sector should make joint efforts for looking into the weaknesses causing lower production of rice in Myanmar. Then they can study the finds and take measures for boosting rice production.

Business persons and groups in cooperation with their domestic and international partners will also find their role in developing the agriculture sector through disbursing cheap loans, disseminating knowhow and technology and providing farm equipment to farmers when the government is tight with its budget.

As double and triple cropping can create more job opportunities and increase earnings, farmers on their part must save their incomes from the first harvest so that they can have enough capital for second harvest or multiple cropping.

And through effective methods, and financial and material assistance, we can see marked progress in the agriculture sector which in turn will contribute towards the national economic growth.

Inflation rate stands at 2.82 for 2011-2012 fiscal year:

Deputy NPE D m inister

Representatives seen at Pyithu Hluttaw’s today session.— NLM

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann explains about the messages at eighth day session of the Hluttaw. — NLM

Corrigendum

Please read Shwe Yin Aye village instead of Mawayaddy village in the caption of the photo on page-8 of the New Light of Myanmar Daily issued on 5 November 2012.—NLM
AMYOTHA HLUTTAW

Five questions on education matter answered, one bill approved, one proposal discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov — The eighth day session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw Fifth Regular Session took place at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, this morning, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 186 representatives.

Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu replied questions on educational sector raised by five Hluttaw representatives.

Regarding the question raised by U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No. 3, the deputy minister answered that permission would not be granted to any student who wanted to hire a private sector to be able to hire some basic education schools in urban area in accord with rules and regulations, the deputy minister answered that permission would not be granted to any student who wanted to hire a private sector to be able to hire some basic education schools in urban area in accord with rules and regulations, the deputy minister answered that permission would not be granted to any student who wanted to hire a private sector to be able to hire some basic education schools in urban area in accord with rules and regulations.

Regarding the question raised by U Steven Tha Beik of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 10, U Nu from Yangon Region Constituency No. 1, U J Yaw Wu from Kachin State Constituency No. 12, U Min Do from Bago Region Constituency No. 7, U Zone Hlae Han from Chin State Constituency No. 2, U Phone Myint Aung from Yangon Region Constituency No. 2, U Kyin Wine Kyi from Yangon Region Constituency No. 1, U Aye Kyaw and U Aung Maung from Mandalay Region Constituency No. 12, the deputy minister answered that there is no any need to propose a system giving chances to those who failed in their exams on the first attempt, as the challenge for the next exam is to raise the pass marks and to generate qualified students, presented by U Nu from Yangon Region Constituency No. 10.

Deputy Education Minister U Ba Shwe answered that students who have got at least 40 marks in 100 marks of each subject are allowed to pass the exam and to study in the next standard according to their failed subject in a short time, and to raise the pass marks to generate qualified students, presented by U Nu from Yangon Region Constituency No. 10. The Hluttaw approved the bill in a consensus of all the representatives.

Power production of the plant, power generation to national grid, water storage into the main dam, Hluttaw representatives viewed control of machine room of the power plant, power production and generation and running of power plant.

They then viewed construction site for the Upper Paunglaung Hydroproject and Upper Paunglaung Hydroproject being implemented by No 1 Hydropower Implementa- tion Department. The type of Upper Paunglaung Hydroproject is roller compacted concrete (RCC) and is installed with two 70 megawatts machines. After the project, a total of 140 megawatt can generate 454 million KWH per year.
EU, Somalia seek to improve governance, education

NAIROBI, 5 Nov — The European Union and Somalia government are working together to improve governance, education and create jobs in the Horn of Africa nation.

A statement from the EU offices in Nairobi said on Saturday that EU special envoy for Somalia Michele Cervone d’Urso and President of Somalia Hassan Sheikh M. Mohamud have also launched together the new EU development package of 158 million euros that will be implemented in line with the priorities of the Somali government.

The EU has substantially increased its development budget for Somalia. In doing so, the EU is paying tribute to the peace process and the political transition and takes into account the huge development needs of the Somali people, d’Urso said. "The EU wants indeed to express its full confidence in the governance and peace building progress in Somalia and is committed to a robust EU-Somalia partnership with strong Somali ownership."

Somalia has formed an inclusive and democratic government that has inspired the international community to partake in the reconstruction of the fragile horn of a African state.

But analysts say despite recent advances in Somalia’s peace and national reconciliation process, after decades of war, the country is still dealing with the impact of the Al-Shabaab militant group, which has been pushed out of Mogadishu but still controls a few areas, arrested primarily in south-central regions.

The EU envoy has also emphasized the need for more Somali ownership in the Somali relations with the EU, but also with the regional partners and the international community as a whole.

The EU special envoy will also travel to Hargeisa and Garowe to underscore the support being provided under this package to Somaliland and Puntland.

This development package is the largest single EU programme ever approved for Somalia.

The new EU package results from the mid-term review that has increased Somalia’s development envelope from 212 million to 412 million euros, d’Urso said.

"The additional support will be focused Governance and Security, Democratization, Economic Development, Education, Food Security and Technical Development Assistance," Xinhua

SAO PAULO, 5 Nov — The Yemeni Defence Ministry said on Saturday that it seized an illegal cargo of weapons in the southern port city of Aden harbour.

"The non-civilian cargo was shipped out from Turkey. The weapons were found concealed inside the cargo’s biscuit cartons," the ministry said in a brief statement on its website.

"The Yemeni security authorities in the southern port city of Aden have launched an full-scale investigation into the shipment which aimed at disturbing the security and stability of Yemen," the ministry said without elaborating further.

Hadi, who was elected in February, has already exerting all efforts to launch a UN-backed national dialogue to conciliate between the rival factions of well-armed northern Shite rebels and the pro-secessionism southern movement. Xinhua

Illegal weapons from Turkey seized in Yemen

New York City crime down by a third in wake of superstorm

NEW YORK, 5 Nov — New York City crime dropped by a third in the days after superstorm Sandy, but there was a slight increase in burglaries after at least 15 people were charged with looting empty businesses and homes blacked out since the disaster.

Between Monday — when, the storm hit — and Friday, murder dropped by 86 percent, rape fell 44 percent, robbery decreased by 30 percent, assault by 31 percent, larceny by 48 percent and car thefts by 24 percent. Burglaries rose by 3 percent.

During that period, overall crime declined in New York City by 32 percent from the same week the year before.

"Overall, there were 1,061 crimes over the last five days compared to 1,541 last year," New York Police Commissioner Paul E. Browne said in a statement. "Police continued to be deployed to storm-affected areas by the thousands on extended tours of duty to provide security and recovery assistance."

The drop in crimes comes as New York police have been stretched to respond to one of the worst natural disasters to hit the region, sparking dangerous rescue efforts and concerns about crime in storm-darkened neighborhoods.

Browne said that earlier on Saturday, a man wearing a Red Cross jacket was arrested for burglary on Staten Island and after police saw him checking the front doors of unoccupied houses.

Police presence at gas stations was increased on Saturday, said Browne, after at least 10 people were arrested on Friday for various disputes over line jumping. Drivers have been lining up for hours and temps have been fraying as gas became scarce.

Five other people were arrested for disorderly conduct at gas stations on Saturday, he said.In Queens, more than 15 people have been charged with looting and a man was charged with threatening another driver with a gun after trying to cut in on a line of cars waiting for gas, District Attorney Richard Brown said earlier this week. — Reuters

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Somalia plans new city to tackle housing problem

LIGABUE, 5 Nov — Angola plans to build a new city in its northeastern province of Cabinda to tackle the housing problem in the region, the provincial governor announced on Saturday.

Governor Jose Joanes Andre made the announcement after an inspection tour of a project dubbed 250A, 14 instead of Soyo. The project covers 482 hectares, where 10,000 houses will be built in Soyo build-up, which is expected to be rich in oil and natural gas.

The city to be built by China’s CICT Construction company will have university, a hospital, primary and secondary schools and other social and economic facilities. Fang Jiangsheng, project manager for Soyo from CICT, said the project is a pioneering step that is company-owning leading national and global support. —Xinhua

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Fourth person dies as result of Halloween party crush in Madrid

MADRID, 5 Nov — A fourth person died in hospital on Saturday as a result of the crush at a Halloween party in Spanish capital Madrid in the early hours of Thursday morning.

The fourth victim was a 17-year-old, who had been taken to hospital in critical condition. Three victims, who were aged between 18 and 25 years old, died in Thursday. Another person remains in hospital, also in critical condition. They were attending a concert by internationally renowned American DJ Steve Aoki, in the Madrid Arena when a stampede caused a crush.

Local police are currently investigating the accident to make sure that the "Thriller Music Park" party did not exceed the legal capacity of the Madrid Arena. —Xinhua

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India sees 2012 GDP growth of 5.5-6.0 percent

MEXICO CITY, 5 Nov— India’s economy should expand by 5.5 percent to 6.0 percent this year and return to 7 percent growth in 2013, Finance Minister P Chidambaram told Reuters on Sunday, although he said inflation was at an “unacceptable” level.

“I’m looking forward to this year ending with 5.5-6 percent growth, barring any unexpected shocks, and next year getting back to 7 percent growth, and in 2014-15 getting back to 8 percent growth,” he said in an interview at a G20 meeting in Mexico City.

The International Monetary Fund last month slashed its 2012 economic growth forecast for India to 4.9 percent from 6.1 percent previously.

But Chidambaram was more optimistic and said India had the wherewithal to “do it before,” he said. “We have slowed down thanks to the world and some domestic factors, but we are absolutely confident that we will get back to the higher-growth path.”

Chidambaram said he also concerned about inflation, which hit a 10-month high of 7.8 percent in September.

“We must learn to live with some inflation, but inflation cannot be at an unacceptable level. Today it is at an unacceptable level,” he said.

India’s central bank left interest rates unchanged at 8 percent last week, defying government pressure to lower rates for the first time since April.

The assails fled the scene after carrying out the attack and no group has claimed responsibility for the attack, he said, adding that police have held eight suspects for investigation from the surrounding area following the attack.

Earlier on Saturday, a second largest economy, has managed to keep several debt-ridden European countries afloat. China, now the world’s second largest economy, has also made efforts to increase imports from Europe in the past three years since the onset of the financial crisis. As promised, China will continue to help bring the euro debt crisis to an early end.—Xinhua
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New York, 5 Nov — The New York City subway system is now operating along 80 percent of its network, and more of the network will come back on line through the weekend. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said on Saturday.

Addressing concerns about fuel shortages, particularly gasoline, that have hit the New York area since superstorm Sandy struck earlier this week, Cuomo also said 8 million gallons of fuel had been delivered since the New York Harbor reopened. Another 28 million gallons would be delivered this weekend, he said.— Reuters

Governor Andrew Cuomo (C) inspects a deluge of water flooding the Battery Tunnel in Manhattan as Hurricane Sandy made its approach in New York on 29 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS
Ministry of Information

Invitation for open tender of Myanmar Radio and Television to purchase machines

1. Machines to be purchased for Myanmar Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information are as follows:
   (1) Multi Channel Playout System - 1 Lot
   (2) 3KW Digital Output DVB-T2 transmitter - 3 Sets (For Yangon, Sagaing and Pyinmana)
   (3) Fiber Link & Fiber Interface Equipment - 3 Sets
   (4) (IRD) Set-Top Box - 200,000 Nos

2. Application forms of open tenders may be taken out from Office No. 7, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw, from 09:30 to 16:30 hour from (8-11-2012) to (20-11-2012) during week days.

3. The open tenders are submitted to Office No. 7, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw, in the presence of the members of the tender committee from 9:30 to 16:30 hr on (21-11-2012). The tenders, later than the designated date, will not be considered.

4. Forms of open tender and detailed information may be inquired by following address:
   Procurement Committee
   Ministry of Information
   Office No. 7, Nay Pyi Taw
   Tel: 412327, 79474
Federer surprised by lack of blood testing

London, 5 Nov — Roger Federer wants more blood testing done in tennis to help keep the sport clear of doping, the 17-times grand slam champion said on the eve of the ATP World Tour Finals. Britain’s newly-crowned US Open champion Andy Murray raised the subject this week at the Paris Masters, suggesting there needed to be more out-of-competition checks.

“I feel I’m being less tested this time now than six, seven, eight years ago,” the Swiss told a news conference at London’s O2 Arena.

“I don’t know the exact reasons why we are being tested less and at this moment I agree with Andy, we don’t do a lot of blood testing during the year,” Federer added.

“I think it’s important to have enough tests. I don’t like it when I’m only getting tested whatever number it is, which I don’t think is enough or sufficient during the year so I think we should up it a little bit or a lot,” Federer added.

“It’s key and vital the sport stays clean. It’s got to be. We have a good history in terms of that and we want to make sure it stays that way.”

— Reuters

Tired Djokovic primed for one final challenge

London, 5 Nov — A tired sounding Novak Djokovic says he will need to draw on all his mental and physical strength if he is to crown another stellar season with the ATP World Tour Finals title.

The Serb heads into his opening match with Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga on Monday safe in the knowledge that he will end the year as the world number one for the second consecutive year.

Whether he can add a sixth title to his 2012 resume, which includes the Australian Open, will depend on how his body has recovered since he was knocked out of the Paris Masters by American Sam Querrey on Wednesday.

He admitted after the match he began to struggle physically during the second set, having won the first.

“I want to give my best and at this moment I’m trying to be as optimistic and as possible,” Djokovic, winner of the season-ending showpiece when it was staged in Shanghai in 2008, told a Sunday news conference at London’s O2 Arena which is hosting the event for the fourth year running.

“It’s expected to not always on your top form and especially at this time of year the effects of the long season can influence you physically and mentally also, but as I said, this is a very important tournament.”

— Reuters

Eartquake rattle Galaxy in M L s playoffs

Los Angeles, 5 Nov — David Beckham’s Los Angeles Galaxy suffered a shock 1-0 home defeat by the San Jose Earthquakes in the first leg of Major League Soccer’s Western Conference playoff on Sunday. Victor Fernandez blasted in a free kick in stoppage time, stunning the LA crowd after the match looked to be heading for a stalemate between the top-scoring teams in MLS.

The defending champion Galaxy will have it all to do in the second leg at San Jose on Wednesday. Beckham rifled a bullet shot through the wall of Galaxy defenders which flew under the outstretched arms of goalkeeper Josh Saunders.

Former England captain Beckham, reported to be leaving LA after his contract expired at the end of December, was replaced by E.Jones Biddle with 10 minutes left in the game.

LA escaped a potential season-ending playoff defeat by Vancouver last Thursday with a 2-1 comeback 2-1, but paid for not taking their chances against the Earthquake.

Substitute Biddle squandered the home team’s best opportunity in the 87th minute with a weak shot which Robles kept at bay.

Los Angeles Lakers finally show All Star class in Detroit win

Los Angeles, 5 Nov — The Los Angeles Lakers finally resembled the team many expected they would be as they blasted the Detroit Pistons 108-79 on Sunday to end their early-season slide.

The Lakers had begun the new season 0-3 for the first time since 1978, a shocking development for a team who acquired All-Stars Dwight Howard and Steve Nash in the off-season.

On Sunday, however, they shook off the trust against the Pistons as Howard scored a game-high 28 points, Metta World Peace added 18 and Los Angeles quickly dominated by grabbing a 21-point lead after the first quarter.

The chemistry problems that had plagued the Lakers, who include Pau Gasol and Kobe Bryant, in previous games was not an issue as they tallied 27 assists.

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Germany’s Schaeuble says debt reduction is global task

BERLIN, 5 Nov—The United States and Japan must share responsibility with Europe for ensuring global economic stability, German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble said, signalling that a G20 meeting this weekend should not focus solely on the euro zone crisis.

Speaking in an interview before finance ministers and central bankers from the Group of 20 nations meet in Mexico, he said top economies must pursue structural reforms and fiscal consolidation to win back market trust and build sustainable growth.

Schaeuble also said in emailed answers to questions submitted in Mexico that he saw no danger of delay in the introduction of Basel III rules on banking capital that saw no danger of delay in September 2013 on the group’s next summit.

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Chinese premier arrives in Vientiane for Asia-Europe Meeting, Laos visit

VIENNA, 5 Nov—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (R, front) shakes hands with Lao Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith (L, front) upon his arrival at Vientiane, capital of Laos, on 4 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (R, front) shakes hands with Lao Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith in Vientiane on Sunday night to attend the ninth annual Asia-Europe Meeting and pay an official visit to Laos.

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**Summary of observations at 9:30 hr MST on 5-11-2011**

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions and Shan State, isolated in Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and Chin, Kayah and M on States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C to (4°C) above November average temperatures in lower Sagaing and Magway Regions and Shan (Northern and Eastern) and M on States, about November average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperature was (10°C) in Pinyaung. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Tha Htao (0.91) inch, (Central) Yangon (0.71) inch and Homalin (0.47) inch.