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President U Thein Sein delivers address at 9th Asia-Europe Meeting Summit

As you already know, nearly 1,000 million out of 7,000 million population of the world are suffering from famine. As increasing population density, urbanization, industrialization in developing countries and unprecedented climate change have destroyed crops and livestock, food security has become a great challenge.

The world countries need to increase their food production and improve distribution to feed the entire population of the world sufficiently. Being an agro-based country, Myanmar is rich in arable land and water resources and also blessed with moderate climate. Rural population who earn livings on agriculture, livestock breeding and fishery constitute 70 percent of the whole population of the country as well.

But, we have found that most of farmers are struggling to make the ends meet and cannot engage in commercial farming. Despite agricultural reforms and policies for privatization since the introduction of the market economy since 1988, local and international scholars saw no significant signs of progress.

Lack of technology, experience, loans and capitals — stemmed from lack of development and sanctions of the developed countries — contributed to failed transformation from conventional farming to mechanized farming and blocked export of the agricultural produce to the foreign markets.

Foreign investment in the agroindustry in Myanmar is only 0.48 percent, making it relatively least invested area.

Once Myanmar was called Rice Bowl of Asia and could export rice to the world countries on a wider scale. At present, Myanmar mainly grows rice and has 7.59 million hectares of rice-growing area out of total sown acreage of 22.5 million sown hectares in 2011-2012, accounting for 33.8 % of total area. Growing areas of beans and pulses and oil crops is the largest area after the paddy.

Myanmar’s rice production has increased to 84.3 % during the years between 1996-1997 and 2011-2012 while the production of beans and pulses has risen to 295 %.

Myanmar stands as a leading country in ASEAN in production and exporting of beans and pulses.

Myanmar is actively participating in international and regional food security activities. Myanmar is making cooperation in ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board, ASEAN Food Security Information System Project and ASEAN+3 Emergency Rice Reserve Schemes, which are being implemented under the framework of ASEAN Cooperation.

Reserve rice volume for regional emergency rice volume is 87,000 metric ton. Of them, Myanmar has agreed to fill 14,000 metric tons, accounting for 16 % of ASEAN reserve rice.

Since the new government takes office, the reforms are taking place in such sectors as political, economic and social. Poverty alleviation is set as country’s a priority task by way of development of agriculture and rural people.

Of the eight Millennium Development Goals, the first objective is to halve poverty and hunger by 2015. To implement that fundamental objective, Myanmar aims to reduce poverty rate to 16 % from 26 % by 2015.

There are challenges in the areas of market, loan, land ownership policies and macroeconomic policies, modern agricultural technology and infrastructures.

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Private newspapers will emerge soon

With respect to the question of U Nyi Nyi Myint of Ottwin Constituency on “if there is any plan to reconstruct Ottwin Township Sport Ground,” U Shwe Mann received a delegation comprising members of the parliaments of Australia and New Zealand led by Chairman of The GAVI Alliance Board Mr. Dagfinn Hoybraten. — MNA

New Vaccine

Myanmar launches pentavalent vaccine

With a view to reducing preventable infectious childhood diseases, the Ministry of Health has introduced pentavalent vaccine into its routine immunization schedule today.

Pentavalent vaccine is a combination of five vaccines in one that prevents diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, Hepatitis B and haemophilus influenza type B (HIB).

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thein Nyunt thanked Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI), donors, WHO and UNICEF for their supports for introduction of the new vaccines and urged members of the National Health Committee from the Union level ministries, regional governments and NGOs to continue to make efforts for protecting children against the preventable diseases.

In his key-note address, Mr Dagfinn Hoybraten, GAVI Alliance Board Chair said almost 670,000 will be vaccinated with pentavalent vaccines within the next six months and more than 1.1 million with the measles 2nd dose within the next year in Shan State. WHO’s Resident Representative Dr HSB Tennakoop expressed WHO’s commitment towards the government, GAVI, UNICEF and NGOs to ensure that those life-saving vaccines along with other vaccines are safely delivered to millions of children, no mother and child should be left unprotected. The introduction as part of efforts for making intensification of the routine immunization, will save children of Myanmar who are exposed to the risk of dying from pneumonia and meningitis, being the leading causes of child mortality.

HIB is a leading cause of childhood bacterial meningitis, pneumonia and other serious infectious NLM

works for water outlets of Thattaw dam (2) would be carried out in accord with the budget allotments. Next, U Aye Mauk of Mahaling Constituency submitted a proposal to make new enactments, if there is no rules and regulations and bylaws, which enable farmers to apply for a mortgage on their own farmlands to the Central Bank of Myanmar (or) its branches and private banks, including agriculture bank under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Tun said that the proposal should be put on record as it was under implementation by the Hluttaw and the Union government.

Two Hluttaw representatives took part in the discussions on the proposal that the Hluttaw approved to put on record. Member of Union Election Commission U Win Ko submitted a bill on recalling a representative of the Hluttaw and Chairman of the III Committee U T Khun Myat read out the report.

Today’s session came to an end at 12.50 pm, and the tenth-day session will continue tomorrow.
Cameron seeks arms deals, says supports Arab Spring

Dubai, 6 Nov—Prime Minister David Cameron (C) speaks to exhibitors during a visit to the Big 5 International Building and Construction exhibition at the Dubai World Trade Centre on 5 Nov, 2012. Cameron will visit the Gulf and Middle East on a three-day diplomacy and trade trip this week, his office said on Monday. — Reuters

Iran nuclear move may ease war fears - for now

Vienna, 6 Nov—A slowdown in Iran’s accumulation of its most sensitive nuclear material may have helped put off the threat of a new Mideast war for now, but Teheran’s expanding uranium-enrichment capacity suggests any relief could be short-lived. By dedicating a big part of its higher-enriched uranium to make civilian reactor fuel, Iran is removing it from a stockpile that could be used to make nuclear weapons if refined further and which would otherwise have grown faster.

But the trend that has emerged in UN nuclear watchdog reports on Iran this year could yet be reversing, proliferation experts say: the material can be converted back to uranium gas as long as it has not been introduced into a working reactor. Doing so “would take a bit of time, but not more than a month or two, using technology the Iranians have already demonstrated that they have mastered,” a Western envoy said.

In addition, Iran’s rapid installation of new centrifuges — the machines that enrich uranium by spinning at supersonic speed — in an underground site gives it the capability to rapidly increase output, analysts say. Even so, another Vienna-based diplomat said the fact that Iran was making reactor fuel from some of its higher-grade uranium was positive in itself. — Reuters

Sandy’s aftermath causes nightmare commute, housing crisis

New York/Belmar, (New Jersey), 6 Nov—Commuters battled unruly crowds and snarled traffic to return to work on Monday, a week after superstorm Sandy devastated the US Northeast, as authorities scrambled to clear debris ahead of more bad weather and put special measures in place to ensure residents could vote in Tuesday’s presidential election, with President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney locked in a close race.

New York City’s Mayor Michael Bloomberg and New Jersey Governor Chris Christie announced that New Yorkers would be able to vote in any polling place — instead of just their assigned location — by fax or email. As overseas voters, allowing them to submit an absentee vote by fax or email.

A crowd gathers in front of a building and car damaged after a bomb explosion in the Mesqez 66 area in Damascus, in this handout photograph released by Syria’s national news agency SANA, on 5 Nov, 2012. — Reuters

Alawite western District of Mesqez 86, killing 11 people and wounding dozens more, including children, state media and the Syrian Observatory reported.— Reuters

People stand near garbage piled up in the streets of the Rockaways neighbourhood in the Queens borough of New York on 5 Nov, 2012.— Reuters

Iran slams anti-nuclear weapons treaty as discriminatory

United Nations, 6 Nov—Discriminatory implementation of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) has left many countries feeling that being apart to the anti-atom bomb pact hinders cooperation in the field of atomic energy, Iran’s UN ambassador said on Monday.

Western diplomats and analysts have long expressed concern that Iran might one day follow North Korea’s example and pull out of the NPT and produce a bomb. North Korea withdrew from the treaty in 2003 and tested nuclear devices in 2006 and 2009. Speaking at a meeting of the UN General Assembly on the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Iranian Ambassador M hammad Khazaei sought to assure countries that despite Teheran’s reservations about the way the treaty is enforced, Iran does not plan to pull out.

“Iran...is fully committed to its legal obligations, and its nuclear activities are, and have always been, exclusively for peaceful purposes,” Khazaei said. He added that Teheran considers development of the full nuclear cycle an “inalienable right” under the NPT. Western powers and their allies fear Iran is amassing the capability to produce atomic weapons, an allegation Teheran rejects. The Security Council has imposed four rounds of sanctions on Iran for refusing to halt nuclear-fuel work, but Teheran has pressed ahead with uranium enrichment.

Khazaei accused the United States, Britain and France of supplying Israel — which is not a party to the 1970 treaty aimed at preventing the spread of nuclear arms and is widely assumed to be the Mideast’s sole nuclear power — with “assistance and cooperation.” — Reuters

Suicide bomber kills 50 Syrian security men

Beirut, 6 Nov—A suicide car bomber killed at least 50 Syrian security men in Hamah Province's Maysan on Monday, an opposition group said, in what would be one of the bloodiest single attacks on President Bashar al-Assad's forces in the 20-month-old uprising.

Another day of relentless violence in Syria coincided with more unity talks in Qatar among opposition factions.

Syrian state media reported that a “terrorist” suicide bomber had targeted a rural development centre in Sahli al-Qahab in Hama Province, putting the death toll at two.

Rami Abed Rahaman, head of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said the centre was used by security forces and pro-Assad militia in their biggest bases in the area. “A fighter from the Nusra Front drove his car to the centre and then blew himself up, ” he said. “A series of explosions followed. At least 50 were killed.”

The Nusra Front, an al Qaeda-inspired group of ultra-orthodox Salafi Muslims, has claimed responsibility for several suicide bombings in Damascus and elsewhere in the past. It operates independently of other rebel factions, some of which have criticized it for indiscriminate tactics.

Syrian officials often blame foreign-backed militants for the anti-Assad revolt, in which about 32,000 people have been killed since it began in March 2011. In Damascus, a car bomb exploded in the mostly Alawite western District of Meezeh 86, killing 11 people and wounding dozens more, including children, state media and the Syrian Observatory reported.— Reuters

A general view of the Bushehr nuclear power plant, some 1,200 km (746 miles) south of Teheran on 26 Oct, 2010. — Reuters

But discussions would show “respect and friendship,” he said, recognising that governments have briddled at foreign criticism.

Cameron arrived in the United Arab Emirates on Monday and will visit Saudi Arabia on Tuesday before travelling to another destination in the Middle East.

High on his agenda will be selling the BAE Systems-built Eurofighter Typhoon fighter jet.

BAE officials say the Emirates has shown interest in ordering up to 60 Typhoons. He will also talk to UAE officials about how to develop a “strategic air defence relationship”, including collaboration on military aerospace equipment.

Saudi Arabia has also signalled it might place a second substantial order of Typhoons on top of the 72 jets it has already acquired, Cameron’s office said.

Iran’s Ambassador to the UN M hammad Khazaei speaks before the UN Security Council at the UN headquarters in New York, on 9 June, 2010. — Reuters

Iran’s missile is designed to carry a 224-pound (100 kg) warhead, which is shorter than the 8,000 miles (13,000 km) some believe Iran is capable of hitting European targets. In November, it tested a long-range missile with a range of 1,700 miles (2,700 km).

Western analysts believe it is aiming for a range of 2,000 miles (3,200 km) and would presumably have some 20 warheads on board.

Iran has for years made it clear it believes the NPT is discriminatory. It is also not wearing a nuclear device in 2006

Nuclear experts said the nuclear weapons treaty was discriminatory, something that might encourage some countries to develop such weapons. In May, 2011, Iran was putting forward a proposal to introduce a nuclear-weapons-free zone in the Middle East, a goal that would probably require a change to the treaty.

Another linkage is that the nuclear-weapons issue has drawn Israel into the wider conflict in the Middle East, making it a focus of US interest and a priority for US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Clinton’s visit to Israel came as part of a series of US efforts to defuse tensions in the region. She met Israeli leaders and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in a mission that included a visit to the West Bank and a visit to the Palestinian Authority in Ramallah, before heading to Jordan to hold discussions with King Abdullah II.

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Stephen Frank says Washington and Tel Aviv were already working together to build a new “anti-terror” coalition in the Middle East that would include Egypt.

But the US has been cautious about putting too much pressure on the Israelis to abandon their plans.

The US has long opposed Israel’s settlement policy and seen it as a key obstacle to a two-state solution, but Clinton has repeatedly said she was ready to work with the Israelis on any plan to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Many analysts believe the US wants to see a settlement that would be acceptable to both sides and could be negotiated without any official Israeli or US recognition of a Palestinian state.

Anti-terror efforts have to be seen in a wider regional context, said a statement from the US State Department.

On Friday, the United States, Britain and France called on the UN to impose a ban on direct flights to Damascus and say that the flights would not be allowed to land in Syria.

This would be the first time such a ban had been imposed on any country since the UN imposed sanctions on Iraq in 1990.

The US, Britain, and France have been pressing for a resolution imposing a no-fly zone in Syria, with some European countries opposed to such a measure.

A suicide bomber targeted a military base in the country’s central province of Homs, killing 22 people, officials said.

Iraqi security forces launched a major operation in the al-Zaafaranah district of the capital Baghdad, which is one of the most affected areas by the violence in recent weeks.

Sangin, 6 Nov—A suicide bomber killed at least 11 people and wounded dozens more, including children and media, and the Syrian Observatory reported.— Reuters

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European approves high-price gene therapy

British officials have approved the European Union's first high-priced gene therapy drug, a milestone for the novel medical technology that fixes faulty genes. The formal clearance from the European Commission paves the way for a launch next summer of the treatment for an ultra rare genetic disease that will cost around 1.2 million euros ($1.6 million) per patient, a new record for pricey modern medicines.

After more than 20 years of experiments and a series of disappointments, the EU approval of Glybera, which treats the genetic disorder lipoprotein lipase deficiency (LPLD), is a significant boost for the gene therapy field.

Joern Aldag, chief executive of Amsterdam-based uniQure, said more such treatments would follow and argued a high price was justified because the therapy restored normal body function and did not just offer a short-term fix.

“This provides higher benefit to patients than the classical protein replacement strategy and this is why we think we should be fairly and adequately compensated,” he said in a telephone interview on Friday. Patients with LPLD, which affects no more than one or two people per million, are unable to handle fat particles in their blood and are at risk of acute and potentially fatal inflammation of the pancreas.

The approval follows a positive recommendation from the European Medicines Agency in July.

The privately owned firm is now working with governments on potential pricing strategies, which are likely to vary from country to country, ahead of the commercial roll-out from the second half of 2013.

The company plans to stage an as-yet-undisclosed stunt on the Thames river. Microsoft also held a massive launch event last week in the small country of Liechtenstein in Europe. Some historic landmarks and the countryside of the 62-square mile nation was transformed into a futuristic Halo-like universe and video game developers were allowed to test the game. GameStop Corp, the largest US chain, is also planning midnight events with less than 12 hours before the official release.

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Microsoft pulls out the stops for Halo 4

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6 — “Master Chief” springs back into action on Tuesday with the release of Microsoft Corp’s Halo 4, the latest installment of the Xbox blockbuster that will vie for the title of first-person shooter series and will vie for the title of holiday-season Xbox blockbuster that will start assembling iPhones for Apple, Citigroup said.

“Amazon, Google, Microsoft, Xiaomi, Baidu, Tencent <0700.HK> are all trying to launch smartphones and none has in-house manufacturing,” Citigroup said, raising its target price on FHI to HK$55.80 and its earnings estimate for 2013 by 134 percent. Shares of FHI, which assembles handsets for the likes of Huawei Technologies Co Ltd and ZTE Corp, <0763.HK> <00063 SZ> jumped as high as HK$3.69 on their biggest one-day gain ever.

That compared with a 0.4 percent drop in the benchmark Hang Seng Index <HSI>. FHI shares are still down nearly 30 percent this year compared with a near-20 percent rise for the broader index.

FHI will receive orders of up to 200 million lower-to-mid-end Chinese smartphones next year, including the popular Xiaomi smartphone, said Alex Hu, chief of proprietary trading at Mega Securities.

Staples to have Amazon lockers in US stores

NEW YORK, Nov. 6 — Staples Inc, the largest US office supply retailer, has agreed to install “Amazon Lockers” in its US stores, a Staples spokeswoman said on Monday. The Amazon lockers at Staples will allow online shoppers to have packages sent to the office supply chain’s stores. Amazon already has such storage units at grocery, convenience and drug stores, many of which stay open around the clock.

Staples’ deal is a sign that companies are trying to let customers avoid having to wait for ordered packages due to a missed delivery.

With the service, Amazon sends customers an email with a pickup code, which is loaded on a touchscreen to open the locker containing the package. Shoppers have three days from the delivery date to pick up the package.

The online giant pays a small fee to the owners of the stores that house its lockers. Staples did not give any further details of the service.

Warming temperatures cause aquatic animals to shrink

Scientists, led by University of Liverpool proffessor, are warning that warming temperatures are causing aquatic animals to shrink in size. The research also demonstrates that the most likely causes of this difference in size is due to the higher lower availability of oxygen in warmer waters.

The research, published in Monday in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, shows that the body size of marine and freshwater species are affected disproportionately by warmer temperatures. This could have implications for aquatic food webs and the production of food by aquaculture.

The researchers compared the exoskeleton thickness of 193 terrestrial, freshwater, and marine species exposed to different non-harmful temperatures. In the largest study of its kind, summarising the results, coauthor Andrew Hirst from Queen Mary’s School of Biological and Chemical Sciences said: “Aquatic animals shrink 10 times more than land-dwellers in species the size of large terrestrial insects in water temperature of 20 degrees Celcius of warming, and intermediate species on land shrink, on average, by just half a percent.”

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Warming increased the need for oxygen by organisms from land and in water, however aquatic species have a much harder job meeting this increased demand. — Reuters

Image

A scene from the new version of the Halo video game "Halo 4" is previewed at the Microsoft XBox briefing during the E3 game expo in Los Angeles, California on 4 June, 2012.— Reuters

A family leaves the Staples store in Broomfield, Colorado on 17 Aug, 2011 as the back-to-school shopping season begins.— Reuters
Apple sells three million iPads over first weekend

NEW YORK, 6 Nov — Apple Inc sold 3 million of its new iPads in the first three days the tablet computers were available, driving optimism for a strong holiday quarter despite intensifying competition. Sales of the 7.9-inch iPad mini and fourth-generation 9.7-inch version, both Wi-Fi only models, were double the first-weekend sales of the Wi-Fi-only iPad sold in March, Apple said on Monday.

A dip did not break out numbers for the crucial iPad mini, a smaller version of the original tablet designed to speadhead its foray into a segment now dominated by Amazon.com Inc’s Kindle Fire and Google Inc’s Nexus 7. Analysts estimate that about 2.3 million of the new iPads sold over the weekend were the mini-tablets, surpassing expectations of 1 million to 1.5 million.

Wall Street, which was disappointed with Apple’s latest quarterly earnings, had been looking to the iPad mini to boost demand during the crucial year-end holiday shopping season as competition reaches a fever pitch. Microsoft Corp became the latest major entrant to the market last month with the Windows-powered Surface.

While lines for the new iPads appeared lighter than usual for a new Apple product when they began selling at stores on Friday, the company said demand was so strong that “it practically sold out of iPad minis.” Apple had never before introduced two different iPad models in one quarter. Raymond James analyst Tavis McCourt said that while the sales numbers looked good, the company would need to sell another 20 million iPads this quarter to meet its estimate.

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The Apple logo hangs in a glass enclosure above the 5th Ave Apple Store in New York, on 20 Sept, 2012.— Reuters

Lloyds mulling St James’s Place stake sale

LONDON, 6 Nov — up (LOY.L) is considering selling its 60 percent stake in St James’s Place (SJP.L) in a bid to raise £2 billion ($3.2 billion) in cash from the deal, according to a report in Britain’s Sunday Times. The report said the bank’s stake in Britain’s biggest chain of offices in The City of London selling its 60 percent stake in Sunday Times. The in Britain’s Financial Services

A Lloyds plaque is seen on offices in The City of London on 23 April, 2009. — Reuters

Seadrill sells Asian unit in deal worth $2.9 billion

OSLO, Nov — Offshore rig firm Seadrill (SDRL.OL), the world’s biggest rig operator by market capitalization, will sell part of its Asian business to Malaysia’s SapuraKencana (SKPE.KL) to free up cash for expansion elsewhere, the firm said on Monday.

Seadrill, headed by shipping tycoon John Fredriksen’s empire, said it would sell its tender rigs business, involving rigs designed for water depths of up to 8,500 feet, for an enterprise value of $2.9 billion.

Board member Olav Toreen said the company would pay back $3.3 billion in existing debt in the deal, depending on how the sides agree to settle a $187 million seller’s note.

“The net proceeds received from the transaction will be redeployed as equity to aggressively grow our deep-water fleet and also open up for significant new investment in the jack-up sector, says the company’s head of shipping.

Seadrill Chairman John Fredriksen said in a statement. Seadrill shares were down 1.11 percent at 223.20 kroner ($39.95) at 15.15 am EDT.

Seadrill said the enterprise value included $363 million in future capital expenditure, around $800 million in debt and that it would also receive an $850 million cash consideration, raising its stake in SapuraKencana to around 15 percent from 6.4 percent.

Seadrill’s purchase of Thantachart will help bolster its regional presence and narrow the gap with AIA, which has a dominant position in Thailand. They’ve got a very good distribution footprint, or ASEAN footprint, and Thailand was the weak link,” said Credit Suisse Asian insurance analyst Arjan van Veen.

What’s relevant is that 98 percent of people don’t have a life insurance policy,” Thiam told Reuters, on route to a meeting in Bangkok. “If you go into a market like this, you don’t really worry about the competition,” he said.

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Arafat exhumation set for 26 November over poison report

Ramallah, 6 Nov— The body of the late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is set to be exhumed on 26 November, eight years after his death, as part of an investigation to see if he was murdered, a diplomat said on Monday.

Two senior Swiss forensic experts are already in the West Bank to discuss plans for the exhumation, which is complicated on a technical, legal and political level.

A French court in August opened a murder inquiry into Arafat’s death after a Swiss institute said it had discovered high levels of radioactive polonium on the Palestinian leader’s clothing, which was supplied by his widow, Suha.

An investigation of foul play has long surrounded Arafat’s demise, French doctors who treated him in his final days said they could not establish the cause of death.

Suha has said she believes he was poisoned and has requested the exhumation so that samples can be taken from Arafat’s body to see whether polonium is present.

UNSC

Soldiers stand guard around the Supreme Security building compound in Shara Alzawia, Tripoli on 5 Nov, 2012.— Reuters

Haqqani network hit with UN sanctions

US Ambassador to the United Nations (UN) Susan Rice talks with the media after Security Council consultations at UN headquarters in New York on 7 June, 2012.— Reuters

United Nations, 6 Nov— The UN Security Council’s sanctions committee on Monday added the Pakistan-based Haqqani network, accused of high-profile attacks in Afghanistan, to a UN blacklist, the United States said. The Security Council committee’s move also singled out Qari Zakir, an operational commander involved in many of the network’s highest-profile suicide attacks, US Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice said in a statement. "These sanctions oblige all UN member states to implement an asset freeze, travel ban and arms embargo against Zakir and the Haqqani Network," Rice said. New additions to the Taliban sanctions list are relatively rare, since such moves are usually agreed upon unanimously. Council diplomats said it was especially significant that Pakistan, a member of the 15-nation council until the end of 2013, did not stand in the way of the move. The UN blacklist now contains 131 individuals, including Zakir, and three entities, one of which is the Haqqani network.

The United States designated the Haqqani network as a terrorist organization in September, a move the group’s commanders said proved Washington was not sincere about peace efforts in Afghanistan.

US officials have long accused Pakistan of supporting the network, an allegation Islamabad denies. The Haqqanis, who are allied with the Afghan Taliban, are some of the most experienced fighters in Afghanistan and have carried out several high-profile attacks on Western targets.

Five wounded as rival militias battle in Libya

Triboli, 6 Nov— Rival militias aligned with the Libyan government fought a gun battle on Monday in a western city, wounding five people, after the government’s forces had seized a central Tripoli neighbourhood to halt the rule of a local armed group.

A bel-Moneim al-Hurr said armed groups in al-Khoms opened fire on each other after refusing to hand over a man wanted by the Supreme Security Committee (SSC), a body set up by the Interior Ministry last year.

The violence underscored the challenges faced by Libya’s first freely elected government, approved last week, to rein in militias which gained power during the conflict that ousted Muammar Gaddafi last year. His 42-year rule held together a country riven with divisions.

Hurr, a former spokesman for the SSC and now head of Libya’s Arab Human Rights Organization, said he had called tribal elders together to help mediate the situation. "The leaders of each side are rivals members of the al-Zayed tribe of Al-Khoms," he said. "One man refused to hand over a wanted person to the SSC and so they began to fight." Hurr said the fighting had mostly died down after three hours.

The leaders in the battle each belonged to the SSC and Libya’s Shield, umbrella groups for various armed groups that refused to join the official police or army, saying they were still run by Gaddafi loyalists.

The "SSC group in Khoms detainted 10 people from the Libya Shield’s armed group and set its base on fire," Hurr said.

A'hmed Juma, a nurse at the Khoms General Hospital, said five people were brought in suffering from gunshot wounds.

Monday’s battle in the town 120 km (75 mile) east of Tripoli, came a day after militias fought a pitched battle in central Tripoli, injuring five people and damaging a hospital.

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New York, 6 Nov— New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said on Monday New Yorkers affected by superstorm Sandy will be allowed to vote in Tuesday’s US election in any polling place by presenting an affidavit.

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Next-generation Saudi prince takes key Interior post

Saudi Arabia

Prince Mohammed bin Nayef attends a Saudi special forces graduation ceremony near Riyadh on 25 Sept, 2012.—Reuters

Prince Mohammed bin Nayef is set to be exhumed on 26 November, eight years after his death, as part of a new generation of leaders from the kingdom’s ruling family.

Prince Mohammed, a son of the late interior Minister Prince Nayef, who died in June, is best known as Saudi Arabia’s long-time security chief and has garnered the praise of Western countries for his role in the campaign against al-Qaeda. “This brings forward the promotion of the next generation to the succession,” said Robert Lacey, author of “Inside the Kingdom”. Prince Mohammed was born in 1959. The appointment as Interior Minister lifts Prince Mohammed, who was already deputy interior minister, into a critical role for the ruling al-Saud family and one that has until now only been held by the current ruling generation.

Despite his role in the security hierarchy, analysts say Prince Mohammed is in tune with King Abdullah’s cautious political and social reforms partly aimed at making Saudi society more open to outside influence.

He replaces his uncle, Prince Ahmed, who was only appointed as Interior Minister in June. “Prince Ahmed is relieved of his position as Interior Minister at his own request and Prince Mohammed bin Nayef is appointed,” said a royal decree carried on state media.

King Abdullah, the late Prince Nayef, Crown Prince Salman and Prince Ahmed are all sons of Saudi Arabia’s founder King Abdulaziz who was known as Ibn Saud. Analysts said the departure of Prince Ahmed meant he was less likely to become king. Unlike in European monarchies, the Saudi line of succession has so far passed along a line of brothers and is determined within the ruling family who weigh both the seniority and capability of leading candidates.— Reuters

Arafat exhumation set for 26 November over poison report
Sagaying district marks Palethwe pollination

Sagaying, 6 Nov—Sagaying district marked the pollination of hybrid Palethwe paddy in Pyay town in the region on 1 November. The ceremony organized by Sagaying District Agriculture Department was held at 20-acre seed production research farm irrigated by the river water pumping station.

Head of Sagaying District Agriculture Department U Toe Wai explained the effects of the pollinations. The officials pollinated the Palethwe paddy. The pollination is to be carried out seven times a day for 12 days.

If the hybrid paddy is systematically cultivated and fed with reasonable amount of inputs, it can give more than 200 baskets per acre.

The seeds of the paddy obtained from the pollination will be distributed to Monywa, Sagaing and Shwebo Districts to put 2400 acres of farmland of the areas under summer paddy. The award-winning farm of the Palethwe paddy of U Shwe Ba, a farmer from Nyaungshwe Township, gave 269.96 baskets per acre.

M Yanmah Alinn

Road to famous Soon Oo Ponnya Shin Pagoda being repaired

Sagaying, 6 Nov—Board of trustees of famous Soon Oo Ponnya Shin Pagoda of Sagaing Hill took a leading role in repairing and upgrading the road of Sagaing Region.

The once 10-foot-wide road was extended to 15-foot-wide one which was also tarmacked. The pilgrimage vehicles found it difficult and dangerous to use the former road to climb up the hill. The repair of the road is funded by the contribution of the pilgrims.

The repair has completed 1700 ft and more 2300 ft will be repaired. The road from the foot of the hill to the pagoda has the length of 6000 ft. The cost for 10 square feet of the road is K100,000 and the board of trustees invited donors for repair of the road.

—Myanmah Alinn

Yaddawngyi, 6 Nov—The auxiliary midwifery course conducted by Sagaing Region government was opened yesterday.

The opening ceremony was held in Taungdwingyi Township People’s Hospital at 9 am yesterday.

The course was completed by 20 trainees from isolated village-tracks and villages.

The six-month course will cover both theoretical and practical lessons. It is the second course of its kind in the region.

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Health ministry collecting data to provide elephantiasis vaccine

Yangon, 6 Nov—The Ministry of Health is collecting data to immunize the people against resurfaced elephantiasis as it could successfully introduced new pattern of immunization in the previous month.

“We’ve started to administer five vaccines to children at once,” Dr M yint Hlaing, project manager of the ministry, said.

According to Dr M yint Hlaing, the new pattern has almost no side effects.

The immunization will start as soon as the data have been collected,” according to the ministry source.

—Myanmah Alinn

Yankin old housings need repair

In rainy season, the old buildings were very vulnerable to electric shock as the uncovered electric cables got wet by the rain that seeping through the wall and floor.

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Lugyimin promises better services to remedy failed promotion offer

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Nov—Director of Lugyimin mobile shop U Yan Naing Soe Myint guaranteed better services at Lugyimin branches in a press conference on 4 November in Yangon in the aftermath of the shutdown of the branches in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Taunggyi following overloaded promotion programme a day ago.

The branches were closed as they found it unable to handle the crowd who queued for mobile handsets offered at a very cheap discount.

The limited stock of handsets was sold out with coupon systems but the overcrowded customers led to the forced close of the branches.

—Myanmah Alinn

Yacyin—importing Japanese food testers

Yangon, 6 Nov—Yangon City Development Committee has placed orders for two Japanese machines to test the quality of food.

“Two modern machines will be imported from Japan to test the food quality at Yangon city area. They’ll arrive in December. The quality test will be introduced in 2013,” said an official of health department of YCDC.

One of the machines will check the ingredient of unpermitted dying while the other will test the quality of oil, drinking water and soft drink.

The machines will be used in testing the food quality at coming SEA Games to be hosted in Nay Pyi Taw in 2013. Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, Yangon City Development Committee and Mandalay City Development Committee are testing the quality of food in respective areas.—Myanmah Alinn
Much still have to be done for democracy

Myanmar has been undergoing radical reform towards an open economy, rule of law, representation of the people through electoral process, all vestiges of democracy. Although the country has become a social phenomena in the international community through its bold initiatives, much still have to be done for the country to be a full-fledged democratic one.

There is high expectation of change in all sectors of the economic and social spectrum. New private banks are opened, new economic and commercial enterprises jostled in the highly competitive market, new education institutions for rising generations of youths towards their aspiration to meet the challenges of the ever changing demands are also introduced to be in line with a pragmatic approach to education problems.

As the country is facing the risk of lacking a skilled workforce, having a skilled and socially responsible labour is essential. Meanwhile, introduction of democratic practices in the country which is still in initial stage of democracy is somewhat time-consuming and it is an uphill battle. Whatever it is, none of the setbacks could dampen it from moving towards democracy.

Life is a challenge, not a curse; a privilege, not a negation; a social opening, not isolation, meaning it is a matter of course. In that sense of urgency, we are to try hard to make our life more productive, more wonderful and more applicable while marching towards a modern and developed nation. The full implementation of the programme is somewhat time-consuming and it is an uphill battle. Whatever it is, none of the setbacks could dampen it from moving towards democracy.

At a time when the country is making much headway in all spheres in its move to a democratic nation, all the citizens are to try their best to be physically strong and morally upright. Only then, will we be able to leverage from the solid base to advance to a high-income country.

If we were transparent like now about 50 years ago,

Now we are ‘Asian tiger’

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Asia-Pacific Malaria Elimination high-level ministers’ Conference held

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin delivered an address at the Asia-Pacific Malaria Elimination high-level ministers’ Conference held at Sydney in Australia from 31 October to 2 November.

The minister said, in his speech, that Myanmar is driving a move to fight the malaria with added momentum in collaboration with UN, WHO, 3D Fund, Japanese government and international non-governmental organizations.

At the call together with the Vice-President were Deputy Ministers U Zin Yaw, U Thein Aung and Dr Pwint Hsan and officials from the President Office. At the call, they had a comprehensive discussion on investment of Toyota Tsusho Corporation based on the condition of reform process in Myanmar and doing businesses in line with the investment law.

Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister arrives back from India

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw arrived back by air today after attending 12th Myanmar-India Foreign Office Consultations Meeting held in New Delhi, India yesterday at the invitation of Foreign Secretary of India Mr. Ranjan Mathai.

At the consultations, held at the Hyderabad House in New Delhi yesterday, the two delegations discussed a wide range of issues of mutual interest to further strengthen the existing relations and cooperation between the two countries.

The Indian Foreign Secretary hosted a luncheon in honour of the Myanmar delegation at the Hyderabad House.

In the evening, the Deputy Minister met the staff of the Myanmar Embassy at the Myanmar House in New Delhi.
President U Thein Sein holds discussion with German Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Mario Monti.

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World countries need to increase food...

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As developed countries lifted and temporarily suspended sanctions against Myanmar, I believe Myanmar will be able not only to stand as a country with food sufficiency but also to provide regional and global countries in need of food with its surplus if natural and human resources-rich Myanmar gains modern technology, experiences, research, loans and foreign investments. Myanmar welcomes designation of areas for further cooperation made by ASEM member countries at the meeting on food security held at Chai Maing of Thailand in 2011. I would like to request ASEM member countries to assist Myanmar in its drive for poverty alleviation scheme that will contribute to development of agriculture sector and better living standard of local people who make up the majority of the total population. I fully support the Vientiane Declaration for strengthening partnership of ASEM member countries and urged ASEM member developed countries to lead the process of laying down the concrete cooperation programme between Asia and Europe. Thank You.

President U Thein Sein receives German Foreign Affairs Minister

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Nov—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein who is in Vientiane of Lao People’s Democratic Republic, yesterday evening. Also present at the call together with President U Thein Sein were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Tin Naing Thein, U Kyaw Lwin and Deputy Minister Dr Win M yin t.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on further strengthening unity between the two countries, bilateral cooperation and investment of German businesses in Myanmar.

President U Thein Sein receives Italian Prime Minister

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Nov—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein held talks with Prime Minister of Italy Mr Mario Monti, at National Convention Centre in Vientiane, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic today.

They also discussed matters related to technological assistance from Austria and construction of basic infrastructures, development of agriculture sector including systematic utilization of water, development of hydro power generation sources, removal of EU’s sanctions against Myanmar and re-granting the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) to Myanmar.

Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Tin Naing Thein and U Kyaw Lwin and Deputy Minister Dr Win M yin t also attended the meeting.

President U Thein Sein discusses with Prime Minister of Denmark Mrs Helle Thorning Schmidt and party. — MNA

President U Thein Sein holds discussion with German Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Guido Westerwelle at National Convention Centre in Vientiane, the Centre in Vientiane of Lao People’s Democratic Republic, yesterday evening.

Also present at the call, they cordially discussed matters related to support for the reforms and progress in Myanmar, promoting the friendship and all-round cooperation between the two countries as the embassy of Denmark was opened in Yangon this month, lifting remaining EU’s sanctions against Myanmar to help Myanmar for its active participation in the international arena and re-granting the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) to Myanmar and a visit of the business delegation from Denmark to be paid to Myanmar to promote investment and trade in Myanmar.

Also present at the call were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and Union Minister at the President Office U Tin Naing Thein. The Danish Prime Minister was accompanied by officials.

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Construction ministry to repair Union Highway, Tiddim road

N A Y P Y I T A W, 6 N o v—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint said at today’s Amyotha Hluttaw session that Myeik-Taninthayi-Bokpyin-Kawthoung road will be upgraded in first five-year short-term project in response to the answer of U Tin Shan of Taninthayi Region Constituency (6) who called for immediate repair of Union Highway linking Myeik and Taninthayi.

The downtown road in Tiddim will be upgraded to tarred road if requested budget is allotted by the Union government, he said in his separate answer to the question raised by Chin State Constituency (5) U Khin Sum Mon onethatK 36 million budget was requested from the Union government for 2013-2014 fiscal year to tarmac the four miles and six furlongs long road.

Proposal to revoke Myanmar Citizenship Law -1882 put on record

N A Y P Y I T A W, 6 N o v—At today’s session, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint informed the Hluttaw representatives of amendments, and invited Hluttaw representatives who are willing to participate in the discussions on the bill.

Regarding the proposal urging the Union government to promulgate new Myanmar Citizenship Law after revoking the existing Myanmar Citizenship Law (1882 Pyithu Hluttaw Law No-4), U Mann Kan Nyunt of Kayin State Constituency No (5) submitted a proposal.

Dr Banya Aung Moe from Mon state Constituency No 7 submitted a proposal.

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Hluttaw representatives seen at Amyotha Hluttaw session.

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Dy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives ADB Vice Chairman

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa meeting ADB Vice-Chairman Mr Stephen P. Groff and party.— MNA

At the call, they discussed development of coordination process between Myanmar and ADB, financial and monetary experience, holding of workshops and conducting of courses. Present at the call together with the deputy speaker were Chairman of Economic and Trade Development Committee U Maung Maung Thein, Secretary of Banks and Monetary Development Committee U Win Myint and member of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Committee U Than Lwin.— MNA

Myanmar-Japan cooperation in business discussed

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint holding talks with Japanese delegation.— MNA

MISIS exchanges view with SIIS

The Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Shanghai Institute for International Studies (SIIS) jointly conducted the exchange of views between the two research organizations at 5 pm on 4th November, 2012 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Yangon.

At the exchange of views ranged from Myanmar’s General Assessment of Regional Cooperation Architecture in East Asia, Myanmar’s Perspective on China’s role in the region, Myanmar-China Potential and Prospect of Cooperation on Regional and Global Agenda.

Chairman of MISIS and the SIIS, Professors Yang Jaiemian, President of the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS) and U Nyunt Maung Shein, Ambassador (Retd.), Chairman of the MISIS delivered the welcome remarks at the exchange of views. The issues discussed by Mr Yan Maung Shein and Chairman of MISIS and the SIIS, Professors Yang Jaiemian, President of the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS)
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AGENT FOR: M/S TOKO KAIUN KAISHA LTD
Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV ORA BHUM VOY NO (319)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORA BHUM VOY NO (319) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7-11-2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV MINDORO VOY NO (130)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV MINDORO VOY NO (130) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7-11-2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Iran denies suspension of high-grade uranium enrichment

TIHRAH, 6 NOV—A senior Iranian lawmaker denied on Sunday reports on the suspension of Iran’s high-grade uranium enrichment, semi-official Fars news agency reported.

Kazem Jalali, a member of the Iranian Majlis (parliament) National Security and Foreign Policy Commission, said.

“This claim is unreal because the 20-percent enriched uranium is needed for Teheran’s (research) reactor and its medical purposes,” according to the report.

On Saturday, some Western media quoted Mohammad Hassan Asa-ef, another member of Iran’s Majlis National Security and Foreign Policy Commission, as saying that as a sign of “good will” in negotiations over the country’s nuclear programme, Iran has already suspended its 20-percent nuclear enrichment. Jalali stressed that “In line with defending our nuclear rights, we believe that uranium enrichment is our inalienable right.”

Syria

EXPLOSIVE DEVICE GOES OFF NEAR UN HOTEL IN SYRIAN CAPITAL

DAMASCUS, 6 NOV—An explosive device on Sunday ripped through a garage in front of Dama Rose hotel in the Syrian capital of Damascus, where a UN political office is housed, witnesses told Xinhua.

The blast was so powerful that it shattered some windows of the heavily-fortified hotel, a witness said, adding that some people in the vicinity were injured by the explosion.

The blast is the latest in an endless series of explosions that hit Syria during the 20-month bloody unrest. Syria’s state-run media outlets reported the blast but fell short of giving any details.

Xinhua
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 weekdays.

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

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China’s Canton Fair sees declining participants, turnover

GUANGZHOU, 6 Nov—The 112th session of the Canton Fair, China’s largest trade fair, witnessed a decline in both participants and turnover, according to the event’s closing Press conference on Sunday.

Statistics from the fair’s organizer show that, as of Saturday, 188,145 overseas participants from 211 countries and regions have signed into the fair, said spokesman Liu Jianjun. The figure was 10.26 percent lower than the last session, in spring, and 10.5 percent lower than the corresponding period last year, he said.

The declining number of overseas buyers at the fair — a barometer of China’s export situation — indicated weak global demand amid a sluggish recovery, compounded by a more recent eurozone debt crisis, according to insiders. And regular customers and exhibitors comprised a major portion of over 73.3 percent of all participants in the fair, Liu added. The fair has also seen a fall in its turnover of 32.68 billion US dollars, a 9.3-percent decrease compared to the spring session. Orders from the traditional market of European countries and Japan dropped considerably, while those from emerging markets showed minor declines.

At a time when the entire world is tightening its belt, global buyers have become more cautious and hesitant in clinching orders. “The double declines have shown China’s severe situations in foreign trade. The good news is that some Chinese enterprises have shown their competitiveness with brands and innovations,” said Liu.

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One killed, 13 injured in car bomb blast in SE Turkey

ANKARA, 6 Nov—A car bomb exploded in the province of Hakkari in southeastern Turkey on Sunday as a police vehicle was passing by, killing one woman and wounding 13 others, private Dogan news agency reported.

The blast occurred in the Semdinli town of Hakkari on Turkey’s border with Iraq and Iran, a scene depicted in recent months between Turkish security forces and the outlawed Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK).

The injured were taken to the Semdinli and Yusufkaya state hospitals for treatment and two of them said spokesman Liu Jianjun.

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Xinhua
Oliveira quits as Vasco da Gama coach

Rio de Janeiro, 6 Nov — Brazilian top-flight club Vasco da Gama has announced it has parted ways with coach Marcelo Oliveira after six straight losses.

The Rio de Janeiro club released a statement on Monday saying Oliveira had left “by mutual consent” following a meeting with Vasco president Roberto Dinamite. “In light of recent results, the coach Marcelo Oliveira has decided to leave the position with the consent of the Vasco board,” the statement said.

A assailant coach. Gaucho

will take over control of the team for the final four matches of the season.

Oliveira began the season as coach of rival club Coritiba and replaced Cristovao Borges in the Vasco job following a 4-0 home loss to Bahia in September. Since then the club has slipped from fourth to seventh, having won just two of their 10 matches with Oliveira in charge. — Xinhua

Soaring Falcons leave Dallas in a flap

Atlanta, 6 Nov — The Atlanta Falcons continued their franchise-best start to a season and marched to an 8-0 record with a gritty 19-13 victory over the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday. Matt Ryan threw for 342 yards and no scores but was mistake-free as his running game and defense backed him up to hold off the visiting Cowboys (3-5). “It sounds great,” wide receiver Roddy White told reporters after becoming the Atlanta’s all-time reception leader and being asked how it felt.

“It just speaks to consistency over the years,” White passed Terence Mims with his fourth catch of the evening with 574 receptions as a Falcon. “We’re starting to beat good football teams,” added White. “You need these kinds of wins so when you get in the playoffs in those tight games you can win.” With a seven-yard catch in the fourth quarter, Jason Witten became the Dallas’ all-time leading receiver, though the record was to be merely a footnote in another tough loss. Witten had seven catches for 51 yards, making it 754 for his career and surpassing Hall of Famer Michael Irvin, who had 750 catches from 1988-99. After the teams exchanged a pair of field goals each in the first half, the Falcons took charge in the second when they got their running game moving. Michael Turner, who rushed for 102 yards, scored a touchdown on a three-yard run early in the fourth, before Matt Bryant added his third field goal to give Atlanta a 16-6 advantage. Tony Romo connected with receiver Kevin Ogletree for a 21-yard touchdown to pull Dallas within three with 3:21 left.

But the Falcons responded with a lengthy drive resulting in another Bryant field goal with just 17 seconds on the clock. It was another heart-breaker for Dallas, who clawed back a 23-0 deficit last weekend against the New York Giants only to lose in the final minutes. — Reuters

Federer spares a thought for absent Nadal

London, 6 Nov — Billed as a showdown between the world’s top-eight players, the ATP World Tour Finals got off to a spectacular start on Monday with strobeflare lights, music and victory for home favourite Andy Murray igniting the touchpaper for eight days of action. However, the fourth staging of the season-finale besides the River Thames at London’s O2 Arena is missing one of its main attractions with Rafael Nadal’s injury-enforced absence taking a little gloss off the tournament.

The Mallorcan has appeared in London for the previous three years, reaching the final in 2010 when he lost to rival Roger Federer, but his recurring knee problems have robbed men’s tennis of his ferocious talent for the past six months.

While all the talk might be of Murray’s rapidly intensifying rivalry with world number one Novak Djokovic, Nadal is being missed, not least by 17-times grand slam champion Federer.

Some of the most memorable moments of the Swiss maestro’s remarkable career have been with Nadal across the net and he was quick to jog people’s memories as he prepared for his third appearance at the ATP Tour Finals. “I still remember when I let him down and he ran all the way up to the wire — he was quick to jog people’s memories,” he said in a television interview. “Once a tournament starts, you do unfortunately forget what’s happening around you,” world number two Federer, bidding for a record seventh end-of-year title and a hat-trick in London, told reporters.

Green Moon wins the Melbourne Cup

Melbourne, 6 Nov — Green Moon thundered through the straight to win the A$6.2 million ($6.43 million) Melbourne Cup on Tuesday, upsetting a host of highly-fancied foreign entrants to bring Australia’s most coveted racing prize back into local hands. The $6.2 million Melbourne Cup will be of Murray’s rapidly intensifying rivalry with world number one Novak Djokovic, Nadal is being missed, not least by 17-times grand slam champion Federer.

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**Israel**

**Israel passes law to cut tax for int’l companies**

Jerusalem, 6 Nov—The Israeli Knesset (parliament) authorized a bill Monday afternoon allowing international companies to pay reduced tax rates if they promised to invest half of their profits in Israel.

The law, which Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz stood for, is a key plank in the upcoming elections and would be at the core for the social-economic issues discussed by the opposition parties. Recent polls have shown that social-economic issues would be at the forefront of the upcoming elections and parties from left and right have been vowing to make Israel “less expensive to live in” if voted into the next Knesset.

Three killed, 15 wounded by car bombs in Iraqi capital

Baghdad, 6 Nov—Three people were killed and 15 wounded in two car bomb explosions in and near Iraq’s capital Baghdad on Monday, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua.

One of the attacks occurred in the eastern district of Al-Obedy when a booby-trapped car ripped through a residential area, killing three people and wounding eight others, the source said on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, a car bomb went off in the Taji area, some 20 km north of Baghdad, wounding seven people, the source said.

Violence in Iraq has decreased from its climax in 2006 and 2007, when sectarian conflicts pushed the country to the brink of a civil war, but tensions and sporadic shootings and bombings are still common across the country, Xinhua reported.

**Syrian gunfire hits Israeli army vehicle on Golan Heights**

Jerusalem, 6 Nov—A patroling Israeli army jeep on the occupied Golan Heights was hit by gunfire coming from Syria on Monday night.

There were no immediate reports of injuries to the people in the vehicle.

“An Israeli military vehicle traveling along the security fence was hit by stray bullets, most likely coming from the fighting inside Syria,” the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) spokesman told Xinhua.

The army said the incident was being investigated and that a report would be filled to the UN observer forces in the vicinity.

**Venezuela aids Cuba with 226 tons of food**

Havana, 6 Nov—A Venezuelan navy vessel arrived in Cuba on Monday, carrying 226 tons of food in aid to the Caribbean island battered by hurricane Sandy.

Loaded with beans, rice, flour, powdered milk, canned meat and water, “La Guaira” was berthed in Santiago de Cuba, 884 km east of Havana, and was received by the Naval Base, the Defence Ministry said.

Venezuela had also sent the two countries 28 tons of food.

Sandy hit southeastern Cuba on 25 Oct, leaving 1,700 people dead and enormous material damage. In Haiti, it killed at least 56 people.

**Venezuela**

**General**

**Focus Myanmar TV Programme**

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**Myanmar TV**

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8:00 am: 5. Cultural Dances
8:20 am: 6. Teleplay
8:40 pm: 7. Myitty swimming By Mingun Sayadaw
9:00 pm: 8. Myanmar TV Live "On the shelf"
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Ninth Asia-Europe Meeting concludes

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Nov—President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar attended the concluding ceremony of the ninth Asia-Europe Meeting at National Convention Centre Champa Grand Hall in Vientiane in Lao People’s Democratic Republic at 4 pm today.

It was attended by Heads of ASEAN countries, Asian and European countries, deputy PMs, ministers, the ASEAN Secretary-General, the European Commission President and high-level officials.

Laotian Prime Minister Mr. Thongsing Thammavong delivered an address. After Mr. Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council which will host the 10th Asia-Europe Meeting in 2014 had given concluding remarks, the meeting came to an end.

President U Thein Sein exchanges views with Laotian President

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Nov—President U Thein Sein met Laotian President Mr. Choummaly Sayasone at the Presidential Palace in Vientiane of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic at 2.15 pm today.

It was also attended by Union Ministers U Winna Maung Lwin and U Kyaw Lwin, Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to Lao PDR U Kyaw Soe Win, the Laotian Minister at President Office, the Laotian Minister for Transport, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Nilahath Sayarth and officials.

They exchanged views on continued implementation of multi-sector cooperation scheme which was under discussion during President’s visit to Lao PDR, rural development and economic growth for the success of poverty alleviation plan, construction of a friendship bridge in border area of the two countries starting from the early 2013 after approving the design of the bridge this month, duty-free trade between the two countries and further cooperation for ensuring peace and stability in the border area of the two countries.

Government to work in cooperation with people to alleviate poverty

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Nov—Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun, Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung and Union Minister for Livestock and Fishery U Ohn Myint yesterday visited Sunchaung dam in Myothit Township of Magway Region and met local farmers.

They also met local people of Tatkon village and Lelu village-tract in Myothit Township.

Union Minister U Hla Tun said the government in cooperation with the people will alleviate the poverty in the rural people.

The region ministers reported on agriculture, breeding, development affairs, education and health.

Union Ministers Dr Myint Aung and U Ohn Myint discussed technical and capital aids for mining and breeding sectors.

The departmental officials reported on progress of tasks.— MNA

Weather Summary on 6-11-2012

(Issued at 2:00 pm)

Bay Inference

Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea

Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days

Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.