Merkel warns Britain against European Union exit

Germany’s Angela Merkel on Wednesday warned Britain not to turn its back on Europe and urged its Prime Minister David Cameron to work with her to avoid a real-terms cut in the EU’s budget. 

Officials are exasperated by what they see as London’s slide towards Europe’s margins, after French President Francois Hollande and many countries are faced with austerity and shrinking household budgets.

"They are proposing a completely ludicrous 100 billion euro increase," Cameron said. "I never had very high hopes for a November agreement because you have got 27 different people round the table with 27 different opinions." 

Cameron was humiliated by last week’s defeat in parliament and opponents say he has lost control of the government, which relies on the EU for half its budget.

"I believe you can be very happy on an island, but being alone in this world doesn’t make you any happier," Merkel said after British politician Nigel Farage, leader of the anti-EU UK Independence Party, urged her to tell Cameron that Britain should quit the EU. 

Cameron, who wants to stay in the bloc under renegotiated terms, argues that the EU must tighten its belt at a time when the eurozone debt crisis looms large, and many countries are faced with austerity and shrinking household budgets.

The vice-president held talks with Prime Minister of Thailand M S Yingluck Shinawatra at Thai Koo Fah Building in Bangkok yesterday morning.

Also present at the meeting together with the Vice-President were Union Minister U Aye Myint, Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region U Myat Ko, Deputy ministers U Han Sein, U Aung Than Oo, U Myaung Lung, Dr Maung Maung Thein, Thura U Thaung Lwin, U Phone Swe, Ambassador of Myanmar to Thailand U Tin Win and many other officials while the Thailand side was accompanied by with Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Mr Kitti Ratth N-arang, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Surapong Tovichakchaikul, the ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar and senior officials.

During the meeting, Prime Minister of Thailand M S Yingluck Shinawatra stressed the need for organizing the joint-committee between the two countries to implement the Dawei Special Economic Zone and its related projects, for giving priority to the important sectors and for coordinating between the two countries based on the friendship and win-win situation. Afterwards, Vice-President U Nyan Tun said he paid the visit to Thailand to represent the state and exchange Memorandum of Understanding between Myanmar and Thailand to speed up the cooperation in Dawei Special Economic Zone and its related projects which were agreed during the visit of President U Thein Sein to Thailand in July and to attend the first Myanmar-Thailand Joint High-Level Committee Meeting.

The MoU would help strengthen the economic link between the two countries and he believed that the joint high-level committee which would implement the MoU would play an important role in bringing the comprehensive development in the Dawei Special Economic Zone and its related projects, he added. 

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The delegation arrived at the Suvarnabhumi airport at 4:30 pm local time where they were welcomed by Minister at the Prime Minister Office of Thailand Mr Niwatthumrong Boosongpaisan, Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr Pisanu Sunavajata, Ambassador of Myanmar to Thailand U Tin Win, Military Attaché Col Win Maung, staff of the embassy and military attaché office.

Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister of Thailand Mr Kittiratt Na-Ranong called on the Vice-President and members of the delegation at the Shangri-La Hotel in the evening and they held talks over win-win cooperation between the two countries.

Mr Kittiratt Na-Ranong hosted dinner in honour of the Myanmar delegation at the hotel.
Trainees of ASEAN Economic Studies visit South Dagon Industrial Zone

YANGON, 8 Nov — Trainees of Certificate in ASEAN Economic Studies, jointly-organized by the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and Yangon Institute of Economics under the Ministry of Education, together with course instructors and admin staff visited Soe Electrical and Machine Tools Co., Ltd in South Dagon Industrial Zone (1) on 3 November.

YANGON, 8 Nov — The Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry is not only taking care of environmental sustain-ability but also taking actions against illegal timber extraction.

While the mission to arrest those who are committing illegal timber extraction and seize illegal teak and hardwood is gearing up, staff of Kawlin Forestry Department made several arrests and seizures of illegal teaks and hardwoods in Kawlin Township of Sagaing Region.

On 3 November, 5,6520 tons of hardwood and 10,6920 tons of firewood together with two vehicles were seized. Actions will be taken against two men related to seizure of illegal hardwood and arrangements are being made to expose accomplices.

Similarly, a combined force comprising members of police force and staff of Taikkyi Township Forest Department seized 1.0444 ton of sawn wood while conducting a search of a car in the compound of U Zarni Aung of U-to village on 24 October.

Illegal teak and hardwood seized

One killed, one injured in highway crash

BAGO, 8 Nov — A fatal accident occurred near mile post No.48 on Bago-Yangon Road at about 3,30 pm on 2 November, causing the death of a 28-year-old man. A motorbike driven by Naing Moe (28 years) together with Nann Win Aung on the back seat ran off the road,
Hu says China will not copy Western system in political reform

BEIJING, 8 Nov — Hu Jintao said here on Thursday that China will continue to carry out reform of the political structure, but the country will never copy a Western political system. “We must continue to make both active and prudent efforts to carry out the reform of the political structure, and make people’s democracy more extensive, fuller in scope and sounder in practice,” Hu said in a keynote address at the opening of the CPC’s 18th National Congress. Hu said the CPC should place high importance on systemic building, give full play to the strength of the socialist political system and draw on the political achievements of other societies. “However, we will never copy a Western political system,” he said.

Strong earthquake off Guatemala kills 48

SAN MARCO, (Guatemala), 8 Nov — A strong earthquake off the coast of Guatemala killed at least 48 people and trapped others under rubble on Wednesday, crushing homes and cars, destroying roads and forcing evacuations as far away as Mexico City. Most of the dead were buried under debris in San Marcos state, a mountainous region near the Mexican border. Landslides triggered by the 7.4 magnitude quake blocked highways and complicated rescue efforts. It was the strongest earthquake to hit the Central American nation since 1976, when a 7.5 magnitude quake killed more than 20,000 people.

Israel ready to resume peace talks with Palestinians without Preconditions

JERUSALEM, 8 Nov — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told the Quartet’s (US, UN, EU and Russia) middle east envoy Tony Blair on Wednesday that he is ready to resume peace negotiations with the Palestinians without preconditions.

Netanyahu met with Blair on Wednesday during the latter’s visit to Israel and responded to remarks made by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas recently.

On Friday, Abbas told the channel 2 news that the Palestinians are striving for peace with Israel based on the two-state solution and are willing to return to the negotiations table. “I listened very carefully to President Abbas’ recent statements and I renew my constant suggestion, let’s sit down together for negotiations without preconditions,” Netanyahu said, according to his Bureau’s statement which was sent to Xinhua. Blair, on his behalf, said that now that Barack Obama has been re-elected as the American president, it’s time to try and reinvigorate the peace process. “This is an opportunity to re-energize this process and make sure we get back around the table and have a negotiation, that’s the best way to try to create peace,” Blair said.

Peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians came to a halt in 2010 over Israel’s increasing construction in the West Bank settlements, condemned by the Palestinians, the international community and the Israeli centre-left wing.

After Obama win, US backs new UN arms treaty talks

UNITED NATIONS, 8 Nov — Hours after US President Barack Obama was re-elected, the United States backed a UN committee’s call on Wednesday to renew debate over a draft international treaty to regulate the $70 billion global conventional arms trade.

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**DNA confirms world’s rarest whale in New Zealand**

**Wellington, 8 Nov** — A female whale and her young calf which stranded on a New Zealand beach and later died were the first-ever sighted spade-toothed beaked whales, the world’s rarest whale, New Zealand scientists announced on Tuesday.

A species previously only identified from bone fragments, the two animals were the only two intact specimens of their species ever sighted, according to the University of Auckland scientists.

“This is the first time a spade-toothed beaked whale has been seen as a complete specimen, and we were lucky enough to find two of them,” lead scientist Dr Rochelle Constantine said in a statement. “It’s incredible to think that, until recently, such a large animal was concealed in the South Pacific Ocean and shows how little we know about ocean biodiversity.”

The scientists used DNA evidence to prove that the mother and calf were the same species as one identified from three skull and jaw fragments found around New Zealand and Robinson Crusoe Island, Chile. The spade-toothed beaked whale was first discovered on Pitt Island in New Zealand’s Chatham Islands in 2012, but it was only 2002 that scientists from the university analyzed DNA from three skull fragments and realized their genetic profiles were the same and did not correspond to any other known species.

Until the stranding on 31 Dec, 2010, however, it was unclear whether the species still existed. The 3.3-metre-long female whale and the 3.5-metre-long calf stranded and later died on a beach in the North Island’s Bay of Plenty region.

They were initially misidentified as Grey’s beaked whales, the most common beaked whale to strand in New Zealand, but the subsequent genetic analysis revealed they were spade-toothed beaked whales. The sexual remains have since been exhumed and taken to the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa in Wellington.

**Cockatoo bird surprises scientists by making tools**

**London, 8 Nov** — A cockatoo has surprised scientists when it was observed using tools to reach food, reported European researchers on Tuesday.

The cockatoo is a species of parrot not previously known to use tools. However, researchers from University of Oxford and University of Vienna saw a cockatoo named Figaro, reared in captivity near Vienna, was filmed using its powerful beak to cut long splinters out of wooden beams in its aviary, or twigs out of a making, and using them to rake in objects out of its reach.

**Warming temperatures cause aquatic animals to shrink most**

**Washington, 8 Nov** — Warmer temperatures cause greater reduction in the adult sizes of aquatic animals than in land-dwelling, according to a new study by scientists from Queen Mary, University of London and the University of Liverpool.

The research, published on 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 extent to which the adult-sized 169 terrestrial, freshwater, and marine species responded to different non-harmful temperatures, in the largest study of its kind, summarizing 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 insects or small fish. While animals in water decrease in size by five percent for every degree Celsius of warming, similarly sized species on land shrink, on average, by just half a percent.”

The research also demonstrates that the most likely cause of this difference in size is due to the much lower availability of oxygen in water than in air. Warming increases the need for oxygen by organisms on land and in water, however aquatic species have a much harder job meeting this increased demand.

**Israeli scientists use gold nanoparticles to read fingerprints**

**Jerusalem, 8 Nov** — Researchers at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HU) have devised a new method of exposing barely legible fingerprints on wet or dry paper documents.

The method, which produces a crisp black-on-white image of the suspected fingerprint instead of the usual positive image, uses gold nanoparticles and elemental silver to develop the print, in a manner similar to that of developing a photograph, the university said on Tuesday in a Press briefing sent to Xinhua.

Professors Yossi Almog and Daniel Mandel of HU’s Institute of Chemistry headed the research, which promises to make police forensic work a little easier in discouring who has handled such evidential documents as checks, paper currency and notes. “Since our method relies only on the fatty components in the fingerprints, the sweaty aspects play no role in the imaging process,” said Almog.

The professor added that the new technique also alleviates another problem in some investigations and crime scenes: “If paper has become wet, it has previously been difficult to detect fingerprints because the amino acids in the sweat, which are the primary substrate for current chemical enhancement reactions, will be dissolved and washed away by water, whereas the fatty components are barely affected.”

According to the university, the conventional technique uses gold particles which adhere to the amino acid components of the sweat in the fingerprints, and then silver is deposited onto the gold. There is also often low-contrast impressions of the fingerprints.

The new method, the researchers say, “utilizes the sebum (an oily substance secreted by the sebaceous glands that helps prevent hair and skin from drying out) from the fingerprints as a medium to avoid this interference.”

“Treatment with a developer containing silver then turns the areas with gold on them black, resulting in a clear, negative image of the fingerprint.”

The new method was published in the English-language edition of the journal Angewandte Chemie, published by the German Chemical Society.

**Ukraine unveils self-made multifunctional helicopters**

**Kiev, 8 Nov** — Ukraine unveiled on Tuesday two modernized powerful multifunctional helicopters Mi-8MB and Mi-2MB, which are designed and built by the Kiev Civil Aviation Plant 410. “These helicopters are designed primarily for emergency medical cars, whereby they can be used as vehicles.”

The aircraft also can be deployed by the Defense Ministry and the bodies of other industries, “Ukrainian Prime Minister Mykola Azarov said during the delivery ceremony of the new helicopters.”

“The new aerial vehicles’ lifespan is at least 15 years, and their flight capabilities meet world standards,” Azarov said.

The Mi-8MB helicopter with a fuel-efficient engine and a take-off weight of 6,000 to 10,000 kg soared to an altitude of 8,200 meters during a flight trial in September, setting a world record for its class. The upgraded vehicle can be used as a cargo aircraft, capable of flying up to 2 hours without refueling can be used in different missions, in particular in emergency rescue operations or fight against forest fires. Six helicopters have already passed tests and are fully operational.

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Boeing shakes up defence business, cuts management jobs

WASHINGTON, 8 Nov — Boeing Co said on Wednesday it will restructure its defence, space and security businesses and cut 30 percent of management jobs from 2010 levels as part of a broad cost-cutting drive. Boeing, the Pentagon’s second-largest supplier, said it also will close some facilities in California and consolidate several business units in an effort to trim $1.6 billion in costs by the end of 2015, on top of $2.2 billion in reductions achieved since 2010. “We are raising the bar higher because our market challenges and opportunities require it, and our customers’ needs demand it,” Dennis Muilenburg, chief executive of Boeing Defence, Space & Security, told employees in a memo obtained by Reuters and confirmed by Boeing.

He said the total savings of $4 billion would make the company healthier and better able to deal with an increasingly complex and challenging marketplace. “Even with the uncertainty ahead of us, we are charting a positive course, and we are committed to excellence, execution and investment,” Muilenburg said. “I like Boeing’s competitive position and our approach — facing into it aggressively and with a sense of productive urgency — and not ‘hunkering down.’” The sweeping measures come as all US weapons makers are under pressure to cut costs and preserve profit margins amid dwindling defense spending in the U.S.

Boeing shares pared early losses after news of the restructuring. Early in the day, the stock was down as much as $2.27, or 3.2 percent, at $69.31, partly on concern about dwindling defense spending following President Barack Obama’s re-election. Boeing said the changes were not a direct response to the threat of additional, across-the-board budget cuts due to take effect on 2 January, or the outcome of US elections, but marked another step in its long-term effort to be more competitive. Muilenburg said the company’s strategy had already helped it take market share from competitors, pioneer new innovations and win orders around the world.

Muilenburg said Boeing would trim executive jobs in its defense business by an additional 10 percent by the end of 2012, eliminating many vice president and director-level jobs and resulting in a 30-percent overall cut in executive jobs over the past two years. In addition to this “tough, but necessary work,” Muilenburg said Boeing also planned to increase the ratio of non-managers to managers to a more affordable 12.5 to 1 from 9.7 to 1 now. Together, the measures would result in a 10-percent cut in the cost of management, he said in the message to employees.

Boeing said it could not project exactly how many workers would lose their jobs because it would try to place people in its growing commercial business or other areas. A company spokesman declined to say how many jobs had already been cut from the 2010 level. Boeing and other top weapons makers such as Lockheed Martin Corp, Northrop Grumman Corp and Raytheon Co have focused heavily on cutting costs and drumming up foreign sales to maintain profits as they prepare for a sustained period of weaker defense budgets.

Lockheed reduced its management ranks by about 25 percent in recent years after announcing a voluntary buyout. “We will keep going on with the things that we have done. China has a lot of potential,” said Stadler. “Since the sales of cars have reached 1 million, we will move to 2 million.” According to Audi’s official website, 1 million Audi cars were sold in China in 2010. The company aims to sell another million by 2015.

China’s car market Business promising: Audi chairman

WASHINGTON, 8 Nov — The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Tuesday approved Xeljanz to treat adults with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis (RA) who have had an inadequate response to, or who are intolerant of, methotrexate.

RA is an autoimmune disease, in which the body’s immune system mistakenly attacks healthy tissue leading to inflammation of the joints and surrounding tissues. A according to the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, RA affects an estimated 1.5 million Americans.

Xeljanz, a pill taken twice daily, works by blocking molecules called “Janus kinases,” which are important in the joint inflammation of RA. The safety and effectiveness of Xeljanz were evaluated in seven clinical trials in adult patients with moderately to severely active RA.

In all of the trials, patients treated with Xeljanz experienced improvement in clinical response and physical functioning compared to patients treated with placebo.

The use of Xeljanz was associated with an increased risk of serious infections, including opportunistic infections, tuberculosis, cancers and lymphoma, according to the FDA.

The most common adverse reactions in clinical trials were upper respiratory tract infections, headache, diarrhea, and inflammation of the nasal passage and the upper part of the pharynx.

Xeljanz is marketed by New York-based Pfizer Inc. The Indian’s Gulf Oil buys US chemicals company for $1 billion

MUMBAI, 8 Nov — Indian lubricants maker Gulf Oil Corp (GFC.NS) said on Tuesday it has acquired US-based specialty chemicals company Houghton International LLC from a private equity fund for $1.05 billion. Gulf Oil, part of the diversified Hinduja Group, said Houghton’s strong presence in the industrial segment would complement its own range of automotive lubricants, and expected synergies in manufacturing, sourcing and distribution.

Houghton sells metal working fluids across North America and operates 12 plants globally. It reported an operating profit of $132 million for the 12 months to end-September on sales of $858 million. Gulf Oil, which sells lubricants and industrial explosives in India and offshore, said it plans to operate Houghton as a separate company. Indian firms have targeted large overseas assets in recent months.

India’s Rain Commodities (RACL.NS) agreed to buy Belgium-based specialty chemicals group Rueters in a $918 million deal last month, while state oil producerONGC (ONGC.NS) said it is investing $1 billion in a group of oil fields in Azerbaijan. Gulf Oil said it bought Houghton from a US-based private equity fund, but did not give more details.

At 11.00 am (0530 GMT), Gulf Oil shares were trading down 1.8 percent in a firmer Mumbai market.

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Visitors look through a car which presents inner structures at the 13th International Automotive Industry Exhibition in Hangzhou, capital of east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 7 Nov, 2012. The 5-day exhibition, which kicked off on Wednesday, attracted 60 exhibitors and showcased more than 400 cars. — XINHUA

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Indians look at Audi cars on display at the 6th International Automobile Week Congress in Berlin, Chairman of the board of Audi Rupert Stadler toldXINHUA that the sales of Audi cars in China has risen 30 percent this year.

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Russia ready to work with US administration under reelected Obama

A man walks with an umbrella during a nor'easter, also known as a northeaster storm, in the Red Hook Neighbourhood of New York on 7 Nov, 2012. — Reuters

Moscow, 8 Nov—Moscow is ready to work with US administration under reelected president Barack Obama on the base of equality, mutual benefit and respect, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Wednesday. “Naturally, we will continue to work with this administration. We are ready to go as far as the US administration is willing to go,” Lavrov said in an interview with Moscow News.

Ghana mall collapse kills four, investigation ordered

Accra, 8 Nov—A least four people were killed and dozens more were trapped in rubble when a four-storey building housing a department store collapsed on Wednesday in a suburb of Ghana’s capital Accra.

President John Mahama, running for election in December, cut short a campaign tour to visit the site and promised that anyone found responsible would “pay the price” as it emerged the building had not received proper approval from city authorities.

“This brings to the fore the need for strict enforcement of our building and construction code,” Mahama said, calling for an investigation into how codes may have been circumvented.

A man checks a rifle on display during the five-day International Defence Exhibition at the expo centre in southern part of city of Karachi, on 7 Nov, 2012. A total of 135 foreign and 74 Pakistani firms participate in the international defense exhibition which kicked off here on Wednesday. — Xinhua

Putin invites Obama to visit Russia

Moscow, 8 Nov—Russian President Vladimir Putin confirmed he had invited the just reelected US President Barack Obama to visit Russia in 2013, the Kremlin said on Wednesday on its website.

Putin congratulated Obama for his victory in Tuesday’s presidential election.

“In his address, the Russian president made a high assessment of the landslide victory won by the Democratic Party’s candidate, thanking him and account a tense pre-election campaign held in the United States,” the Kremlin press service said.

Putin highlighted the achievements in Russia-US relations in the previous years and expressed hope for further constructive joint work over bilateral, regional and international problems.

The Russian president also hailed the cooperation between the two countries that is of key importance for maintaining stable development in the world.

Earlier, Michael M Cafui, US ambassador to Russia, told Interfax that a visit to Russia remains President Obama’s list of priorities.

In May, Putin, who was then reelected to the Russian presidency for a third non-consecutive term, skipped the G8 Summit at Camp David in the United States, citing urgent domestic issues, but sent his Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev to the summit.

In September, Obama, stuck in a tight race with Republican challenger Mitt Romney, excused himself from the informal APEC economic leaders’ meeting held in the Russian Far Eastern city of Vladivostok.

Border Patrol agent killed by friendly fire was shot in head

Phoenix, 8 Nov—A US Border Patrol agent killed in an apparent friendly fire incident near the US-Mexico border in Arizona last month died of a gunshot wound to the head, according to an autopsy report released on Wednesday.

Nicholas Ivie, 30, was fatally shot and another agent was wounded in a burst of gunfire in early October as they went to check a tripod ground sensor in the desert near the border town of Naco, a spot well known for drug and human smuggling.

Pima County Forensic Pathologist Cynthia Pipher concluded that Ivie died from “a penetrating injury to the head,” noting that a “small caliber copper jacketed projectile” went through his forehead.

A report by a local sheriff’s department released last week revealed that Ivie had money in his passport in contact with two other agents on the scene in an area of broken, mountainous terrain before the fatal predawn shooting — Reuters

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Monastic school offers accessible education

The monastic school is providing the compulsory primary education to 21 children from families of farmers from Zipeyu, Nyaungai, Htihlaing, Kokogn, Sedor and Zegon villages who are engaged in farming in nearby farmlands, the report says.

A robot of the monastery U Sihhabala and teacher U Aung Win founded the school as they found the children from the farmhouses were facing challenges of starting and continuing their schooling. — NLM

Myanmar hopes to end Suzuki Cup jinx

Selected Myanmar football team is undergoing training in preparation for Suzuki Cup that kicks off on 24 November, according to a Myanmar Alinn report.

Myanmar falls into group A where it will fight Myanma Alinn in preparation for Suzuki Cup. The team is in training to try to pass through the group. — NLM

Injuries in the qualifiers will have impact on the team, forcing it to leave off striker Kyaw Ko Ko, playmaker Kyaw Zeyar Win and fullback Yan Aung Win.

Some other players that remain in the squad also sustain minor injuries.

“Every match is important and the team will try to pass through the group stage,” the head coach said.

Myanmar plays a J-League 2 club at Thuwunna Stadium on 15 and 17 November in its last-ditch preparation for the tournament.

Students from the University Dr Ni Ni Sein of Sagaing Education University will participate in opening and closing ceremonies of XXVII SEA Games to be hosted in Yangon, according to a Myanmar Alinn report.

The event will go to charity the proceeds from the event will go to charity. — NLM

Winners open new shop

Winner Sports opened new shop in Mingalat Township in Yangoon.

Managing Director of Winner Sports Co Ltd U Aung Win formally opened the shop on 8 November.

Winners will offer discounts to customers. — MNA

Myanmar Business Conference held

Yangoon, 8 November

Myanmar Business Conference was held at Kayawgyi Palace Hotel in Yangon on 6-7 November. The seventh conference was attended by Deputy Transport Minister U Han Sein.

The six former conferences organized by Digicel champions celebrate victory

The ceremony to honour knock-out champions was held at Pathein Hotel on 2 November.

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 November

Pathein welcomed back MFF Digicel Cup winners A yeyawaddy United FC.

Teachers, schoolchildren, townsenders and local people of Pathein cheered the victorious team along the road from the entrance gate of the town to the downtown. — MNA

Donate Blood
Corporate Social Responsibility

With a number of reforms, there is a massive influx of foreign investments into the country. Here, we need to know what Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is. The term “Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) or Corporate Responsibility (CR) or Sustainable Business came into common use in the late 1960s and early 1970s after many multinational corporations formed the term stakeholders. CSR is the process of assessing an organization’s impact on society and evaluating their responsibilities. CSR is a process with the aim to embrace responsibility for the company’s actions and encourage a positive impact through its activities on the environment, consumers, employees, communities, stakeholders and all other members of the public sphere who may also be considered as stakeholders. Many organizations have a CSR Policy, which defines areas of concern and initiatives to improve relations with the people and environments affected by business operations.

CSR policies often dictate a system for monitoring responsible performance. CSR policy functions as a built-in, self-regulating mechanism whereby a business monitors and ensures its active compliance with the spirit of the law, ethical standards, and international norms. For a business to take responsibility for its actions, that business must be fully accountable. Social accounting, a concept describing the communication of social and environmental effects of a company’s economic actions to particular interest groups within society and to society at large, is thus an important element of CSR. So, local and overseas companies should have CSR.

Korean Expo 2012 launched

Yangon, 8 Nov—Korean Expo 2012 was opened at MCC on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township, here, this morning. Vice-Chairman of KOTRA Mr Ki-Woo, Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint and Korean Deputy Minister of Knowledge Economy Mr Jin-Hyun Han extended greetings.

They cut the ribbon to open the Expo and looked around the booths. Korean products on display include foodstuffs, construction materials, electrical appliances, household wares and cosmetic products. Various items are displayed by 50 companies till 11 November.— MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw session focuses on infrastructural requirements

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives attending meeting.— MNA

MP urges designation of agriculture of core industry of nation

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 Nov—U Tin Maung Oo of Shwephyitha Constituency at today’s Pyithu Hluttaw session, put forward a proposal urging the Union government for designation of agriculture industry as the leading sector for economic development of the nation in its democratization process and acceleration of pace from various aspects.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw and Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Daw Khin San Yi discussed that the proposal should be put on record as the State is encouraging the agrarian economy from various aspects.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker stressed the State needs to fix the lowest price for rice in coordination with agencies concerned after the harvest. Only then, can sellers and buyers refer to it, noted the Speaker who called for coordination between personnel of ministries concerned to make sure it is in practice on the ground.— NLM
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Myanmar, Thailand...

(exchanged the MOUs on establishing phase by phase the First Myanmar-Thai Joint High-Level Committee for the Comprehensive Development in the Dawei Special Economic Zone and Its Related Project Areas. A documentary photo taken. The Myanmar delegation led by Vice-President U Nyan Tun attended the first Myanmar-Thailand Joint High-Level Committee meeting for the Comprehensive Development of the Dawei Special Economic Zone and Its Related Project Areas at the Langhali-Lo Hotel. During the meeting, the two sides discussed matters related to implementation of the projects and development of the economy of the local area, creation of job opportunities, education, health and improvement of socio-economic conditions of local people and environmental conservation and sustainable development. The Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister of Thailand hosted a luncheon in honour of the Myanmar delegation at the hotel. In the afternoon, personnel from Industrial Estate Authority of Myanmar reported on tasks for development of industrial zones and sustainable development for coal-fired power plants to Vice-President U Nyan Tun. The delegation arrived back Yangon in the evening.)

**MYANMAR GAZETTE**

**AMYOTHA HLUTTAW**

Eleventh-day session of Amyotha Hluttaw continues

U Gam Saing of Kachin Constituency No (2) raises question.

U Khin Aung Myint and 197 representatives. Eight representatives held discussions on the proposal urging the Union Government to allow Region/State governments for granting permission for formation of national race literature and cultural associations submitted by U Khin Aung Myint (Secretary of National Race Affairs Committee) of Kachin State Constituency No (2). Regarding the proposal, Deputy Minister for Home A Fairs B G G K yaw Zan Myint discussed that only the Union government should be responsible for granting permission for formation of national race literature and culture associations with the aim of avoiding misunderstandings between minority national races and majority national races as all national races have been living in every state and region; that further discussions should be held after enacting the law to protect the rights of national races that was approved in the First Pyithu Hluttaw fourth regular session held on 27 July 2012; and that the proposal should be put on record. As the majority was in favour of the proposal, the proposal was approved.

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**Tatmadaw’s efforts to bring peace to conflict areas clarified**

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 Nov—Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win received a messenger of the United States of America to Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell at the Zeyathiri Bekman here this afternoon. During the meeting, they discussed matters on bilateral relations and promoting cooperation between the two armies, cooperation in fighting against drug and cooperation of the Tatmadaw with the government and the people in bringing peace to the areas in Rakhine State where riots were rife and making peace with ethnic armed groups in Kachin State. — MNA
**GUNMAN KILLS THREE INCLUDING SELF AT CALIFORNIA PLANT**

A 32-year-old man shot himself in the head on Monday, killing two men and injuring two other people before fatally wounding himself with a bullet to the head, authorities said. The shooter later pronounced dead.

Officials in Fresno, California, said a 32-year-old male worker at a propane plant in the city of Anadarko, the news Airport, in the Oklahoma the Anadarko Municipal in the US state of Oklahoma, the pilot was killed Tuesday and later pronounced dead. He was taken to a hospital critical condition but was pronounced dead in critical condition, Gross said. A 32-year-old woman was shot in the buttocks, but is in stable condition, he said.

A bout 30 workers inside the plant are believed to have witnessed the shooting, and roughly another 30 were there but did not see what happened, Dyer said. "This was senseless, violent act that affects our entire community," M ayor A shley Swearengin in a statement. Jones worked at the plant for the past 14 months and had a criminal history dating to the 1990s, Dyer said. His past crimes included auto theft, and home invasion robbery, Gross said.

A woman who works at the plant, but declined to give her name, told reporters at the scene Tuesday, officials said. "We're trying to block out noise, he said.

Pilot killed in small plane crash in Oklahoma

Fresno police Lieutenant Don Gross said the shooter opened fire in a single room and that, with machinery operating, it was loud and some of those shot may not have known they were coming under fire.

At least three of them were wearing ear protection to block out noise, he said. The gunman, identified as Lawrence Jones, 42, had a criminal history and was found by officers on the sidewalk near the plant with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, Police Chief Jerry Dyer told reporters. He was taken to a hospital in critical condition but was later pronounced dead.

Plant worker Salvador Diaz, 32, was shot in the head and pronounced dead at the scene, Gross said. A also killed was Manuel Yerdiv, 34, another worker at the plant who also was shot in the head, transported to a hospital and later died, he said. Fresno County Coroner Dr David Hadden said another person was saved when the shooter aimed the gun and pulled the trigger, only to discover he had run out of bullets in his four-shot revolver. The shooter later reloaded to kill himself, said.

A 28-year-old male employee was hit in the neck and was hospitalized in critical condition, Gross said. A 32-year-old woman was shot in the buttocks, but is in stable condition, he said.

**UN, Russia aid Cuban hurricane victims**

HAVANA, 8 Nov— The UN World Food Programme (WFP) on Tuesday announced that it was sending an emergency aid package to help victims of Hurricane Sandy in Cuba’s hard-hit eastern region.

Spokeswoman Elizabeth Byrs said in Geneva that the WFP planned to deliver a month’s food provisions to half a million people living in the port city of Santiago de Cuba, where Sandy caused the most devastation.

Aaccording to the Cuban daily Granma, the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon called Cuban leader Raúl Castro to convey his condolences for the deaths and damage caused by Sandy and suggested the UN funds provided for Sandy aid.

Meanwhile, local media said Castro met with Russian Industry and Trade Minister Denis Manturov on Monday to thank Russia for its generous donation of construction materials to help rebuild homes damaged by Sandy.

Last week, a plane belonged to Russia’s state emergency situations landed in San-tiago de Cuba with 32 tons of construction materials.

Hurricane Sandy made lands-ffall in Cuba on 25 Oct., leaving 11 dead, destroying thousands of homes and causing economic losses of at least 33 billion US dollars, according to preliminary figures.

Seven injured in Texas gas company explosion

HOUSTON, 8 Nov— Seven people were hurt in an explosion at a gas company in the US state of Texas on Tuesday, officials said.

Scott Burlin, a fire official in Montgomery County, Texas, said two people were transported by helicopter to area hospitals after the incident, while the other five were taken to hospitals by ambulance, according to KVUE-TV, a NBC-affiliated television station.

However, the extent of the injuries were not known. The sheriff’s office in Montgomery County said 00 four people were injured in the blast that took place at about 12:23 pm at the AmeriGas Cylinder Exchange facility in eastern Montgomery County.

The explosion occurred on the assembly line of the plant operated by AmeriGas Inc., the country’s largest distributor of propane.

Company spokesman Bill Katz said the injured were either AmeriGas employees or workers for contractors at a plant that fills tanks for gas grills. Burlin said the fire was put out in about 20 minutes and didn’t spread outside the plant, which is a rural area.

The cause of the explosion was not immediately available.

UN mission liaises with Syria, Israel after fireworks in Golan

United Nations, 8 Nov— A UN spokesperson on Tuesday said a UN force is working to ease tensions between Israel and Syria, after firing was recently reported between the Syrian army and opposition forces in Golan, a sensitive area that acts as a buffer zone between the two countries.

There have been sporadic violations between the Syrian security forces, including the Syrian army, and armed members of the opposition in the area of separation in Golan, “M artin Nesirky, spokesperson for UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, told reporters at the daily briefing here.

He said that the activity “has the potential to escalate tensions between Israel and Syria, and jeopardizes the ceasefire between the two countries and the stability of the region.”

The UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF), which is stationed on the Golan Heights, continues to “liaise with Syrian authorities and the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) to prevent an escalation of the situation,” Nesirky added.

Founded by the UN Security Council in May 1974, UNDOF is mandated to assist in an agreement that ended a conflict between Syria and Israel and called for the territory to become a separated buffer zone between the two nations.

The mission has been operating with cooperation from both parties, largely without incident.

“T he presence of military personnel and the military operations in the area of separation are a grave violation of the 1974 Agreement on Disengagement between Israel and Syrian forces,” Nesirky said.

It also “expresses United Nations personnel to serious safety and security risks,” said the spokesperson.

“The safety and security of United Nations personnel are primarily the responsibility of the host country,” he added.

Military activity in the region included the use of mortar shells and tank rounds by the Syrian army in the area of separation, this landed in Israel-occupied territory on at least two occasions, according to Nesirky.

**NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR**
Cambodia’s military police conducts exercise in preparation for 21st ASEAN Summit

PHNOM PENH, 8 Nov — Hundreds of military police conducted an exercise Wednesday in preparation for the forthcoming 21st ASEAN Summit and related Summits slated for 15-20 November.

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Cabinet Opens in Jakarta, Indonesia —

Duterte, Philippine President, on Friday, November 11, 2022, opened the four-day 21st ASEAN Summit and the related meetings in Jakarta, Indonesia. Duterte, attended by national leaders from 10 ASEAN member countries, were welcomed to the event by Indonesian President Joko Widodo.

New Zealand: Shark finning ban wins cross-party support in New Zealand Parliament

 WELLINGTON, 8 Nov — Seven of the eight political parties represented in the New Zealand Parliament on Wednesday offered to support a ban on shark finning in New Zealand, according to an alliance of local and international conservation groups.

Only the National Party, which leads the coalition government under Prime Minister John Key, declined to meet with the New Zealand Shark Alliance (NZSA) to discuss the issue at an event in Wellington, said a statement from the NZSA.

NZSA spokesperson Katrina Subedar said New Zealand was one of the world’s top 20 exporters of shark fins, which were sliced off the animal before the carcass was dumped back into the sea.

“It is shameful that this disgusting practice is still legal inside our exclusive economic zone,” Subedar said in the statement.

The practice was banned in almost all 100 countries, but an estimated 73 million to 100 million sharks were caught around the world every year solely for their fins, causing a significant global decline in shark populations, she said.

New Zealand’s Ministry for Primary Industries was currently reviewing the National Plan of Action for Sharks, which set out to conserve and manage shark species. The NZSA called on the ministry to use the opportunity to end shark finning in New Zealand, with legislation requiring fishers to bring sharks ashore with fins naturally attached, she said.

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Cambodian Government Spokesperson and Information Minister Khieu Kanharith (C) speaks after more than 1,600 reporters have registered to cover 21st ASEAN Summit and related Summits in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 7 Nov, 2012.

Xinhua

Visitors attend the IndoDefence 2012 Expo and Forum held in Jakarta International Expo in Indonesia, on 7 Nov, 2012. As many as 603 firms from 42 countries and areas attended the IndoDefence 2012 Expo and Forum on Wednesday, one of the biggest industry gatherings in Southeast Asia this year.—Xinhua

A visitor looks at a car displayed at the 13th International Automobile Industry Exhibition in Hangzhou, capital of east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 7 Nov, 2012. The five-day exhibition, which kicked off on Wednesday, displays more than 100 vehicles of 60 brands from both home and abroad.— Xinhua

Australia’s unemployment rate remains at 5.4 pct in Oct

SYDNEY, 8 Nov — Australia’s unemployment rate decreased to 5.4 percent in October, 0.1 percentage point lower than the forecast 5.5 percent, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) said on Thursday.

The ABS said the number of people employed rose by 10,700 to 11,523,200 in October, while the number of unemployed people decreased by 8,800 people, according to Xinhua.

Australia’s unemployment rate was 5.4 percent in the same month.

Full-time employment increased by 18,700 to 8,126,100 in October while part-time employment dropped by 8,000 to 3,393,100.

The October labour force participation rate eased slightly to 65.1 percent, compared with 65.2 percent in September.— Xinhua.

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**Entertainment**

**Emma Stone not in rush to get engaged**

**Los Angeles, 8 Nov —** Actress Emma Stone has no plans to formalise her relationship with boyfriend Andrew Garfield anytime soon. The couple met on the set of The Amazing Spiderman. “There’s no rush to get engaged. They are both young and ambitious,” usmagazine.com quoted a source close to Stone as saying. The 23-year-old was spotted enjoying several dates with her Garfield, 29, of more than a year here recently. They attended a Cirque du Soleil performance 16 Oct and also caught a screening of Paranormal Activity 4 together 21 Oct.

“They just love spending time together. They are absolutely adorable together. They both seem to have their heads on straight... They are the most normal couple I have seen,” said a source. For a long time, the couple refused to confirm their relationship for privacy reasons. — PTI

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**Anderson Silva in Hollywood film role**

**Rio de Janeiro, 8 Nov —** Brazil’s Ultimate Fighting middleweight champion Anderson Silva is set to star alongside Steven Seagal in a new Hollywood film.

Silva will fly to Los Angeles this week to begin shooting the first scenes for the feature-length film, which is yet to be titled. Brazilian daily O Globo reported on Sunday. “I am very excited about this new opportunity,” said Silva, who was the central figure in the 2011 documentary “Like Water” which recounts Silva’s rise from poverty to world dominance in mixed martial arts. The 37-year-old said he had already embarked on a training program specifically tailored for the big-screen role.

Silva, who defended his UFC middleweight belt in July by stopping American Chael Sonnen in the first round, already has acting credits to his name, having appeared in the films “Jogo Mortal” and “Hell’s Chain.” — Xinhua

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**Kalki Koechlin would love to be curvy as Huma Qureshi**

**Mumbai, 8 Nov —** She has a slim and trim frame, but actress Kalki Koechlin says she would love to have a “voluptuous” figure like Luv Shuv Tey Chicken Khurana actress Huma Qureshi. “I don’t care for the ‘zero’ label. I really think people come in all shapes and sizes. I have been skinny all my life. My dream is to have a body like Huma Qureshi, voluptuous! I think she is really sexy,” said the 29-year-old.

“I don’t want to be a fad that she would’ve shunned if we were born with certain type of body. So, you got to love what you got,” she added. Kalki spoke on the sidelines of the launch of Women’s Health magazine here Saturday. The magazine’s cover features Kalki, whose husband Anurag Kashyap has produced Huma’s latest film, Luv Shuv Tey Chicken Khurana. — PTI

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**I want to play villain in Bond film: Roger Moore**

**London, 8 Nov —** After playing secret agent James Bond for 12 years, actor Roger Moore says now he wants to play a villain in the spy franchise.

The 85-year-old actor, who was 007 from 1973 to 1985, thinks he could be the spy’s perfect nemesis, reported Sun online. “I’d love to be a villain. The villains have much better lines and wonderful speeches. And it certainly occurred to me would make a reasonable ‘M’, because he didn’t move around that much,” he said.

Roger Moore said that he is worried about increased levels of violence in recent Bond films. “I thought there was a little too much murder and mayhem, with all these men being shot, blown-up and falling off the side of cliffs. It was not really what developed “Wreck-It Ralph” for more than a decade and spent an estimated $165 million to produce the film, which featured cameo appearances by a Pac-Man ghost and Mentos candy. — Reuters

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**J Justin Bieber wants to be a movie star**

**London, 8 Nov —** He is one of the biggest pop stars at the age of 18 but Justin Bieber is now keen to try his luck in acting.

The Beauty and a beat singer said he is looking at scripts and is interested in trying out action and comedy roles, reported Showbiz sp.

“I have a few offers after my tour is done. I’m pretty excited, I want to do comedy stuff and some action but I don’t know what exactly. I am a joker star and I am good at it,” he said. The singer, however, has no plans to give up his successful music career. “I won’t stop making music. I would love to do a song with Stevie Wonder and a duet with Quincy Jones would be crazy,” he added. — PTI
Former Liverpool defender Aurelio returns from injury

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Nov — Former Liverpool and Valencia defender Fabio Aurelio has returned to training with a leg club.

In his first appearance on the Estadio Olímpico pitch for more than four months, Aurelio completed light running and walking exercises on Wednesday. "Very soon he is going to be playing again," Gremio’s fitness trainer Antônio Mello said. "He is still under the supervision of the physiotherapy department. His first exercises are designed to bring back his balance and coordination."

Aurelio, who played 87 matches for Liverpool and 96 for Valencia, is expected to be fit to play again in January.

Federer receives Fans’ Favourite and the Sportmanship awards

LONDON, 8 Nov — Roger Federer, the six-time singles champion of the ATP World Tour Finals, received two 2012 ATP World Tour Awards on Wednesday.

ATP Executive Chairman and President Brad Drewett presented the Swiss superstar for a record 10th straight year and the Stefan Edberg Sportmanship Award for the eighth time and second year in a row.

"Stefan Edberg was my idol growing up. He was a great inspiration for me," said Federer. "I always tried to play according to the rules and be respectful to my fellow competitors. A lot of other players totally deserve this award; it’s a great pleasure to win it."

On receiving recognition from the fans, Federer commented, "It’s incredible. I got this award for the first time in the year, I won Wimbledon, and every year since. It keeps me motivated and inspires me. It makes travelling so much easier. I hope I’ll see you supporting tennis and me in the future. I couldn’t thank you enough."

Federer plays David Ferrer, a winner of an ATP World Tour best-ten titles in 2012, on Thursday afternoon in a Group B round-robin clash.

Djokovic fights back to beat Murray at Tour Finals

LONDON, 8 Nov — Novak Djokovic squeezed past Britain’s Andy Murray in the latest chapter of their evolving rivalry on Wednesday but ended the day still uncertain of his place in the last four at the ATP World Tour Finals after Tomas Berdych overpowered Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

Once again there was barely a cigarette paper between the two 25-year-olds as Djokovic chipped out a 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 victory to command Group A at the season-ending showdown.

Victory for Tsonga later against Berdych would have guaranteed Djokovic a top-two finish in the group and progress to the semi-finals but Berdych’s 7-5, 3-6, 6-1 victory means all four players, even winless Tsonga, could still qualify.

Djokovic, who has two wins from two matches, faces Berdych on Friday when victory would guarantee top spot in the group. Murray, who like Berdych has one win, plays Tsonga knowing a straight-sets victory would clinch a semi-final spot. "I don’t like mathematics," fifth seed Berdych told reporters when asked about the various scenarios that could unfold if the group concludes on Friday.

"Tennis is not like football when you can play for a draw in the match. It’s one or the other, that’s it."

The last thing on the mind of Djokovic and Murray earlier were sets percentages and games countbacks as they set about each other with some of the most intense matches of the tournament.

Juve score first win in Champions League this season

TURIN, 8 Nov — Juventus registered their first win in the Champions League this season after they beat Nordsjaelland 4-0 at home on Wednesday. Thanks to first-half strikes from Claudio Marchisio, Arturo Vidal and Sebastian Giovinco, and a second-half header from Fabio Quagliarella, the Serie A leaders finally tasted victory in the Champions League.

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Juventus assistant coach Angelo Alessio praised his side for their return to form and looked ahead to the showdown with Chelsea. The Bianconeri remain third in Group E after the win over Nordsjaelland, but just one point behind joint leaders Chelsea and Shakhtar Donetsk. "Of course we absolutely have to beat Chelsea at home in the next game and earn our place in the last eight," he said.

We wanted intense pressure and the lads had the right anger and determination for this type of performance," he said. "We created a great deal, as on top of the four goals we could’ve had a few more. We brought back that pressing on the ball in every area of the field and the style of football we needed," he said.

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Two ships to use waiver to ship fuel to Northeast

Washington, 8 Nov — Two companies have told the United States they intend to take advantage of a waiver allowing foreign-flagged ships to take oil products and fuel additives from the US Gulf to the Northeast to help relieve a fuel crunch after Hurricane Sandy, a government source said.

The Department of Homeland Security issued a rare blanket waiver of the 1920 Jones Act on Friday. At the time, only one company had indicated it wanted to ship fuel to the Northeast on a foreign ship.

"As of today, two companies have notified MARAD of their intent to use the waiver to transport petroleum products and fuel additives from the Gulf to the Northeast to ensure US has the fuel needed to proceed with recovery efforts," the source said. The Department of Transportation’s Maritime Administration is also known as MARAD.

The number of ships that could rise as companies do not have to tell the government they intend to ship oil to the Northeast until 24 hours after loading in the Gulf of Mexico, the source said.

The waiver allows foreign-flagged ships to load oil products from the Gulf of Mexico until 13 November and deliver it to ports in the Northeast by 20 November. The source, who would only talk on the condition of anonymity, would not say which companies intended to use the waiver.

The Jones Act, part of the 1920 Merchant Marine Act, was created to support domestic jobs in the shipping industry. It requires goods moved between US ports to be carried by ships built domestically and staffed by US crews.

Prosecutors seek death for US soldier charged in Afghan rampage

Tacoma, 8 Nov— Washington military prosecutors said on Monday they would seek the death penalty for a US soldier accused of killing 16 Afghan villagers when he ventured out of his camp on two revenge-fueled drunken forays earlier this year.

The lead prosecutor, Lieutenant Colonel Jay Morse, told a preliminary hearing he would present evidence proving "chilling premeditation" on the part of Staff Sergeant Robert Bales, a decorated veteran of four combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The shootings of mostly women and children in Afghanistan’s Kandahar Province in March marked the worst case of civilian slaughter blamed on an individual US soldier since the Vietnam War and elevated the already strained US-Afghan ties after the 2001 military operation in Afghanistan.

Bales faces 16 counts of premeditated murder and six counts of attempted murder as well as charges of assault and wrongfully possessing and using steroids and alcohol while deployed.

Morse said he was submitting a "capital referral" in the case, requesting that Bales be executed if convicted.

The hearing at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state was expected to last two weeks and include witness testimony from an Afghan woman carried alive, video, including testimony from villagers and Afghan soldiers.

At the end, military commanders will decide whether there is sufficient evidence for Bales to stand trial by court-martial.

**Oil tumbles on fiscal cliff fears, European debt**

New York, 8 Nov — Crude prices tumbled Wednesday on fears of "fiscal cliff" in the US and worsening European debt problems.

US financial markets plunged Wednesday, with equities falling broadly as investors shifted focus to looming "fiscal cliff" in US and euro zone crisis after US election.

After Barack Obama was reelected as US president on Tuesday, investors came back to concerns over the "fiscal cliff", caused by the 600-billion-US-dollar tax increases and government spending cuts that would automatically kick in on 1 Jan.

Economists and business CEOs have been warning that "fiscal cliff" could trigger a recession, which cast shadow over the market. Ratings agency Fitch also urged Obama to move quickly to avoid the "fiscal cliff." Meanwhile, the market sentiment was heavily pressured by the coming capital tax hikes which was on Obama’s agenda.

To add to pressure, European Central Bank President Mario Draghi Wednesday said the debt crisis is starting to hurt Germany. Investors worried that the region’s situation will get worse in the near term.

Large scale of protests continued in Greece after the debt-ridden country’s parliament voted on an austerity plan Wednesday. Approval of the plan would help the country secure 31.5 billion euro bailout fund from international lenders and its presence in the euro zone.

US oil inventory data, which showed a 1.8-million-barrel build last week despite the massive disruptions caused by Hurricane Sandy on the East Coast, adding to bearish sentiment.

The Energy Information Administration’s report also registered a weekly increase of 2.9 million barrels for gasoline inventories.

Light, sweet crude for December delivery lost 4.27 dollars, or 4.83 percent, to settle at 84.44 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude for December delivery plunged 4.15 dollars to 106.92 dollars a barrel. — Xinhua

**Myanmar’s eel on high demand**

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 Nov — The international market demand for Myanmar’s eel is increasing, reported Myanma Alinn citing an official at 6 November seminar of Myanma Fishery Federation.

The estimated income from eel export for 2012-2013 fiscal year is US$ 35 million, which was surpassed with US$ 40 million income from eel importers.

China, Japan, South Korea and Singapore are major eel importers.
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves change of two ministries’ names

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session in progress. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov—Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Session continued for fourth day at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 392 representatives.

At today’s session, member of Joint Bill Committee U Thein Tun submitted Joint Bill Committee’s findings and remarks on Pyithu Hluttaw Bill (2012) that is sent back along with President’s remarks on Pyithu Hluttaw Committee’s findings and report of Aungmyotha Hluttaw Bill (2012).

A fter that, the Speaker announced that the message on changing the name of the union ministries sent by the President to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker with the letter No.107(2)/8/President Office dated 1-11-2012. And there was no objection to the message. Hluttaw announced that Hluttaw agreed to change Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs into Ministry of Communications and Information Technology and Ministry of Labour into Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security.

A fterwards, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Lin Aung discussed President’s message on additional loan of K 430.395 billion as revolving fund to State-owned economic organizations in 2012-2013 financial year. Joint Bill Committeemember U Thein W in submitted Committee’s findings and report on it.

A fter that, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Daw Khin San Yi explained two representatives’ discussion on National Planning project report for 2012-2013 (from April to June) sent by the Union Government. The Speaker announced that the report was put on record. Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Lin Aung explained one representative’s discussion.

**Water level forecast for second 10-day of November 2012**

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov—The water levels of Ayeyawady river are forecast to fall below the present water levels by 30 cm (about 1 foot) at Myitkyina, Bhamo and Katha 45 cm (about 1.5 feet) at Mandalay, Sagaing, Pakokku, NyaungU and Chauk and 75 cm (about 2.5 feet) at Mawlamyine, Mawkyaw, Aunglan, Pyay, Seikhat.

**Weather Forecast for Second Dekad of November, 2012**

Bay of Bengal Condition Low Pressure Area may form over South Bay of Bengal and may further intensify into a depression. Weather will be partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Rainfall and Rainy day Forecast Rain will be below normal in Bago and Yangon Regions, Kachin and Kayah States and about normal in the remaining regions and states.

Rainy days are expected about 2 to 4 days in Bago and Yangon Regions, Kachin and Kayah States, and about 5 to 7 days in remaining Regions and States.

Night Temperature will be above normal in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kayah and Kayin States and about normal in the remaining regions and states.