President U Thein Sein attends ceremony to share merits gained for ordination hall of Thein Kyaung monastery in Nyaungbingyisu Village, Pobbathiri Township, cash presentation ceremony for renovation of ancient pagodas and religious edifices

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Nov—A ceremony to share merits gained for the completion of the ordination hall in the compound of Thein Kyaung monastery in Nyaungbingyisu Village, Pobbathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, was held in conjunction with cash presentation ceremony for renovation of ancient pagodas and religious edifices at Mingalar pandal in the compound of the monastery at 7.02 am today.

President U Thein Sein attended the ceremony and presented cash donations.

Also present on the occasion were member of the Sangha led by State Ovadacariya Presiding Sayadaw of Mahavithutarama Zaygon monastery between President U Thein Sein presents offertories to Sayadaw of Ngwetaungtawya Monastery of Tatkon.—MNA

Korean film festival opens in Yangon

YANGON, 10 Nov—The 7th South Korean Film Festival opened at the Thamada (President) Cinema here Friday as part of the South Korea Week activities which has begun on Thursday under the culture exchange programme between Myanmar and South Korea.

Organized by the South Korean Embassy and hosted by the South Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the festival will put four selected South Korean popular movies on screen, namely “Highway Star,” “Bunt,” “Fly Penguin,” and “Late Blossom.”

The opening ceremony of the film festival was attended by South Korean actor Choung Kyung-ho and actress Chae Jung-an.

The South Korea Week also comprises South Korean Expo-2012, displaying best products from 55 South Korean companies, K-Pop Cover Dance and Face of Myanmar Contest, K-Drama OST Myanmar-South Korea Joint Concert, the 6th South Korean Ambassador’s Cup Taekwondo Championship and the 10th South Korean Speech Contest.

South Korean film festival has been held in Myanmar since 2006 aimed at strengthening the mutual friendship and boosting cultural exchange between South Korea and Myanmar.—MNA

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Thaton dwellers put savings into organizing pagoda festivals

Thaton, 10 Nov—Pagoda festivals are annually held in the month of Thadingyut in villages in Thaton Township of Mon State.

Villagers who deal with agricultural businesses spent their savings on organizing pagoda festivals. Thaton has a lot of pagodas. Among them, some are historic pagodas. Each and every village organizes Shwekyar robe offering ceremonies on a grand scale.

Shwekyar robe offering ceremony of Nyaunghayar pagoda was held at TadaU model village on 4th Waning of Tadingyut. Locals from nearby villages accompanied by dance and music troupes offered Shwekyar robes and provisions to the Pagoda.

Nyaunghayar Suauungpyae Pagoda is a historic pagoda built by King Aungmintaya and Shwesattaw Wildlife Sanctuary

Creeks between Mon and Mann Magway Region, especially Sedoktara Township of (Saku), Pwintpyu, Ngape area adjacent to Minbu

Shwesattaw wildlife sanctuary with favourable topography is at an altitude between 600 feet and 3000 feet. The sanctuary has an average annual rainfall of 30 inches. The sanctuary provides a rich habitat for Yam Darwin werke, 113 kinds of wildlife and many rare bird species.

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Agriculture and Forestry: The Notification No. 210 29 June 1940 in accord with forest was established on square miles of protected main area and 100.6 square miles of adjacent area. The sanctuary has an average annual rainfall of 30 inches. The sanctuary provides a rich habitat for various kinds of wildlife and many rare bird species.

Alluvial plains on both sides of Ayeyawady River

SAGAING, 10 Nov—Farmers are ready to plough alluvial plains that are left while river water receded on both sides of Ayeyawady River at the beginning of winter crops cultivation season. Various kinds of beans and pulses, edible oil crops and kitchen crops like groundnut, sunflower, maize, peas, onion and garlic are included in winter crops.

During the last year’s winter crop cultivation season, only groundnut and beans and pulses were grown along Shukhinthar street. Now alluvial plains on the banks of Ayeyawady River are under the plough for cultivation of winter crops.

Alluvial plains along the Shukhinthar street are suitable for winter crops as thriving winter crop plantations can make this area very popular among those who have a walk along the street.” a local said.

Schoolchildren aged between 13 and 16 of Kyondee Basic Education High School on 2 November were in training under the supervision of Instructor U Tin Than for a race in which outstanding students will be chosen as selected players for Hpa-an School Sports Meets.

Reforms attract more tourists

Yangon, 10 Nov—Princess Inaara Aq Khan of Germany, FIFA-appointed Ambassador of Football For Hope, observed the training session of Myanmar women footballers. Yesterday morning, on her tour of Thuwunna Football Stadium, she was conducted her around the hospital.

Ms. Inaara spoke words of encouragement while meeting with the women footballers. Next, she proceeded to Yankin Children Hospital where the MFF President and officials conducted her around the hospital.

Forty-year-old Ms. Inaara, founder of Princess Inaara Foundation which is taking care of social activities, has good relations with FIFA. In 2009, FIFA-appointed Ms Inaara as an Ambassador of Football For Hope programme.

A series of economic and political reforms initiated by the government since two years ago has also received international approval.

Most of the tourists that visited Yammar this year are from Spain, Switzerland, France and Italy.

Myanmar is famous for its rich tourist attractions such as golden pagodas and pristine forests.
CIA Director Petraeus resigns, admits extra-marital affair

WASHINGTON, 10 Nov—CIA Director David Petraeus resigned as head of the leading US spy agency on Friday, saying he had engaged in an extramarital affair and acknowledging he “showed extremely poor judgment.”

In a letter to the CIA workforce, Petraeus, 60, said he met with President Barack Obama at the White House on Thursday and asked “to be allowed, for personal reasons, to resign from my position.”

Obama, who was re-elected to a second term on Tuesday, said in a statement he had accepted Petraeus’ resignation, praising him for his work at the CIA and for leading US troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Much about the sudden and dramatic turn of events remained unclear Friday evening, including how long the affair had gone on and what prompted Petraeus to resign now, just days after the 2012 presidential election.

Petraeus led the CIA for only 14 months. His sudden departure threatened to usher in a period of instability at the spy agency, which is grappling with a level off in its budget after a decade of steady increases.

The agency is also fending off questions about its performance before and after the attack that led to the death of US Ambassador Chris Stevens in Benghazi, Libya.

Obama, who accepted Petraeus’ resignation in a phone call with him on Friday afternoon, said Michael Morell, the agency’s long-time deputy director, would serve as acting CIA chief.

Morell is a leading candidate to be Petraeus’ permanent successor, sources said. He earned Obama’s trust when he frequently briefed the president during planning for the operation to take down Osama bin Laden, a senior administration official said.

EU budget talks suspended over dispute on paying this year’s bills

BRUSSELS, 10 Nov—Talks on the European Union’s (EU) 2013 budget collapsed on Friday as its austerity-minded member states refused to plug a funding gap of about 9 billion euros (11.4 billion US dollars) in the EU’s 2012 budget, EU’s lawmakers said.

“The differences between the positions of the (European) Council and (the European) Parliament were too far apart to continue talks overnight,” Alain Lamassoure, the European Parliament’s (EP) lead negotiator, said in a statement released by the EP.

“The European Commission will now have to present a new proposal to enable talks to resume,” the Parliament and the Council would have until midnight on Tuesday, when EU finance ministers are scheduled to gather, to reach an agreement, Lamassoure added. The collapse of Friday’s negotiations, which were meant to agree on the 2013 EU budget but hit impasse over the funding gap in the budget of 2012, has dealt a blow to a plan to come out of the EU’s 2014-2020 long-term budget later this month.

The shortfall includes about 1.5 billion euro which should have been paid to Italy, Poland and Spain to compensate victims of flooding or job cuts, as well as funding for the Erasmus student exchange programme, (1 euro = 1.27 US dollars).—Xinhua

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Thousands flee Syria in exodus, millions more need aid

DAMASCUS, 10 Nov—Thousands of Syrians fled their country on Friday in one of the biggest refugee exoduses of the 20-month civil war after rebels seized a border town, and the United Nations warned that millions more still in Syria will need help as winter sets in.

In Qatar, the main opposition group outside Syria elected a new leader. However, it did not take place Saturday with other factions, including representatives of rebels fighting President Bashar al-Assad’s forces, on forming a wider body that hopes to gain international recognition as a government-in-waiting. The UN said 11,000 refugees had fled in 24 hours, mostly to Turkey.

The influx caused alarm in Ankara, which is worried about its ability to cope with such large numbers and has pushed hard, so far without success, for a buffer zone to be set up inside Syria where refugees could be housed.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a UK-based group that compiles opposition activist reports, said at least 20 members of the Syrian security forces were killed when rebel fighters attacked a security headquarters in Ras al-Ain. Thousands of residents poured out of the Arab and Kurd town, in the northeastern oil-producing province of Hasaka, 600 km (375 miles) from Damascus.

Western countries and Syria’s neighbours fear that hardline Islamist groups close to al-Qaida are growing in influence among rebels on the ground in Syria. An outline agreement could see the SNC and other opposition figures agree on a 60-member political assembly, mirroring the Transitional National Council in Libya, which united opposition to Muammar Gaddafi last year and took power when he fell.

In Geneva, a senior UN official highlighted the plight of Syrians still in the country. An estimated four million people would need humanitarian aid by early next year when the country is in the grip of winter, up from 2.5 million now, said John Ging, director of operations at the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

“Every day our humanitarian colleagues on the ground are engaging with people who are ever more desperate, ever more fearful for their lives and for the lives of their families because of this conflict,” Ging told a news conference. “Since this crisis has begun we have not been able to keep pace with the increasing need.”

In the last three months, the mainly Sunni Muslim rebel armies have captured outposts on the Turkish border, moving towards the northeastern heartland of Syria’s one million Kurds, many of whom have tried to stay clear of violence.

The Kurdish Council, a coalition of Kurdish parties opposed to Assad, called on rebels to pull their fighters out of Ras al-Ain, saying the clashes and fear of Syrian bombardment had prompted most of its 50,000 residents to flee.—Reuters

Milo Dujkanovic named as Montenegro’s PM-designate

BELGRADE, 10 Nov—Montenegro’s President Filip Vujanovic on Friday named Milo Dujkanovic as prime minister-designate after consultations with political parties, according to news reaching here.

It paved the way for the formal return to power of Dujkanovic, a pivotal political figure in Montenegro over the past two decades. Dujkanovic’s candidacy was proposed by the Democratic Party of Socialists (DPS).

Montenegro’s ruling coalition, which consists of the DPS and the Social Democrats (SDP), won a parliamentary election on 14 Oct but failed to secure an absolute majority in the 81-seat legislature.

The current coalition government, with 43 seats in parliament, was formed with the inclusion of Bosnian, Croatian and Albanian minority parties. Dujkanovic’s nomination will be presented at the next session of the parliament where its passage is considered a mere formality.

In 1991, Dujkanovic became the youngest prime minister in Europe at the age of 29. He later held the position of president and was instrumental in Montenegro’s independence movement, which ended the country’s union with Serbia in 2006 in a referendum.

Montenegro currently suffers from an economic crisis after years of growth buzzed by tourism and a real estate boom and is also facing European Union membership talks.—Xinhua

Canada’s Harper concludes second Indian visit with hope for expanding bilateral trade

OTTAWA, 10 Nov—Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper concluded his six-day state visit to India with a pickup game of street hockey at a boys’ school in information technology and biotechnology powerhouse, Bangalore, where he announced on Thursday that Canada will open a consulate in next summer. Formerly serving as Canada’s trade office, the new consulate will act as a “hub” for Canadian representation in southern India and provide consular, immigration and “enhanced” commercial services for Canadian businesses in India’s third largest city with an estimated population of 8.5 million as of 2011.

Earlier in the week, Harper and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh announced the conclusion of negotiations for a bilateral arrangement that will implement the Nuclear Cooperation Agreement signed between Canada and India in June 2010 and “generate millions of dollars in new business contacts between our countries,” said Harper. The agreement will enable Canadian firms to export and import controlled nuclear materials, equipment and technologies from India to facilities under International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards.

According to Harper’s office, Canadian nuclear-energy production generates about 5 billion Canadian dollars in annual revenue, while the country’s nuclear industry is responsible for a billion dollars in uranium exports annually.—Xinhua
**Stone Age skeletons found in well a mystery to Israeli archaeologists**

**Jerusalem, 10 Nov** — Israeli archaeologists are scratching their heads after uncovering two skeletons of over 8,000 years old at the bottom of an ancient water well. The mystery widened when researchers found that both of them accidentally fell into the well or were murdered and then dumped inside.

“We’re still investigating what happened to the couple, we have to do an autopsy to find out if they were murdered and also look into the artifacts and rocks found over them,” excavation director Prof. Yotam Teper told Xinhua on Thursday. The well is eight-meter deep and was used by farmers during the Neolithic period to bring water to the settlement. The numerous artifacts that have been excavated so far indicate the well ended up being used as a dump after it became polluted.

Among these finds is a pair of sickle blades, used for harvesting as well as arrow heads and other stone artifacts that are helping researchers shed light on how Neolithic farming settlements lived. “We found a small water channel used to bring water from the well to the small farms around it. We’re still excavating the area, but so far, what we have found will help us understand more about this period,” Teper said. “There’s only two more wells from the Neolithic that have been unearthed so far in Israel, and not that many in the world, so this find is of great significance.”

The well was discovered in September at the archaeological site of Enot Nisanit, by archaeologists of the Israel Antiquities Authority. “It seems that ancient man tried to devise ways of protecting his drinking water from potential contamination by the animals he raised, and therefore he enclosed the water in places that were not accessible to them,” Bibrail said. The Israel Antiquities Authority will preserve the well and exhibit it as part of Tel Megido in the different periods. — Xinhua

**San Francisco, 10 Nov — Intel and Hewlett-Packard Co unveiled new server technology based on the high-end chip taxonomy processors at the centre of a recent dispute between Hewlett-Packard and Oracle Corp.**

The future of servers built with Itanium chips was thrown into doubt last year due to a bitter legal battle between long-time partners HP and Oracle, and remains unclear to some experts even after a California state court judge ruled in favour of HP. Intel and HP held a news conference on Thursday announcing the availability of the newest version of Itanium and introducing new HP servers using the chips. HP will keep offering its customers choices between servers based on heavy-duty Itanium chips and Intel’s more widely used x86 chips, said Ric Lewis, vice president and interim general manager of HP’s Business Critical Systems.

**Rory Mclnerney, vice president of Intel’s architecture group said that future Itanium chips would be used using the key features found in the company’s x86wired Ex server processors. He did not say what future x86 chips would be released.**

Once envisioned as a high-end processor that could become pervasive across the server industry, Itanium suffered a series of setbacks and was eventually overtaken by x86 chips based on Intel’s x86 architecture, which is now widely used in the PC industry. Software applications that were once incompatible with Itanium servers, which are mostly sold by HP, can now run on x86.

**Intel, HP tout newest Itanium server technology**

**A woman walks past an Intel logo at the 2012 Computex in Taipei on 5 June.** — Reuters

**Google reaches out to the “next billion”**

Google was aiming at the next billion, or more, smartphone users when it launched its first in the Philippines via the service, called Free Zone, aimed at the unbanked, those without access to basic Internet services, who they believe account for over 24 percent of all mobile phones in the region. Google+ for free. Users would be able to access the service and send SMS messages for free, but any website outside those results would prompt an invitation to subscribe to the mobile operator’s data plan.

“It’s aimed at the next billion users of the Internet, many of whom will have never encountered the Internet before. They have no idea what it is,” said John Elkann, the company’s executive chairman.

**Twitter’s CEO Dick Costolo gestures during a conference at the Cannes Lions in Cannes on 20 June, 2012. Cannes Lions is the International Festival of Creativity.** — Reuters

**Twitter mistakenly resets passwords of large number of users**

**Boston, 10 Nov** — Twitter, which mistakenly reset the passwords of a “large number” of its more than 140 million active users while conducting routine security auditing, has been identified as the one who may have been compromised. “In instances when we believe an account may have been compromised, we reset the password and send an email letting the account owner know this has happened,” Twitter said in its blog on Thursday. “In this case, we unintentionally reset passwords of a larger number of accounts, beyond those that we believed to have been compromised.”

Carolyn Penner, a spokesperson for the social networking site, declined to say how many Twitter accounts were affected by the error. She said that there had been no security breach.

**New habitable zone super-Earth found in exosolar system**

**Washington, 10 Nov** — An international team of astronomers have discovered a new super-Earth in the habitable zone, where liquid water and a stable atmosphere could reside, around the nearby star HD 40307, the Carnegie Institute for Science announced on Thursday in a statement.

It is one of the three new super-Earths found around the star that has three other low-mass planets orbiting it. The study will be published in the journal Astronomy & Astrophysics. HD 40307 is a dwarf star that is somewhat smaller and less luminous than the Sun that is about 42 light years away (12.86 parsecs). — Xinhua
Cancer trials can lack clear information on biopsies

New York, 10 Nov — People participating in cancer drug trials aren’t always given the most straightforward explanation of possible risks and benefits from invasive procedures that may be involved, according to a new study. Biopsies of tumour tissue can help researchers figure out how well a test drug is working—but the invasive, sometimes painful procedures are typically of little benefit to study participants themselves.

The new findings show more than five percent of biopsies in such trials may result in complications, but that informed consent documents spend less time explaining those risks than they do for simple blood draws, which are much less invasive. “Most of these procedures don’t have any therapeutic value for patients, they are burdensome, they’re painful and they carry risk,” said Jonathan Kimmelman, from the Biomedical Ethics Unit at McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

Before you do a procedure like that on the patients, you really want to have their adequate informed consent,” Kimmelman, who wasn’t involved in the new study, told Reuters Health. “The only reason (patients) should submit to them is to contribute to science in some way,” and not with the hope the biopsies will help them get better, he said.

For the new study, researchers from the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Centre in Houston reviewed 57 cancer trials by their institution that involved tumour biopsies for study subjects and were conducted in 2005 through 2010. In 38 of those trials, a biopsy was mandatory for all participants, often as a way for researchers to tell if the drug in question had worked as intended.

In some other cases, biopsies were used as part of study checks to see if patients had the right type of tumor for a certain targeted drug. Lead author Dr Michael Overman and his colleagues found almost all informed consent documents didn’t specifically address the research alternatives to biopsies or the likelihood of benefits for patients themselves. The average document had just 39 words addressing the potential risks from study biopsies, compared to 48 words for blood draws.

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Home blood pressure monitors show mixed results

New York, 10 Nov — Home blood pressure monitors may be useful to some older adults who have suffered a stroke, but little help to others, according to a U.S. study. Past studies have found that home monitoring may aid blood pressure control, with a 2010 review of 37 clinical trials finding that, overall, people who used a home monitor cut an average of 4.0 mm Hg from its reading. That compared with just under five points among patients who were not given the devices.

Kerry’s team randomly assigned the patients to either stick with standard care only or get a home monitor, along with instructions on how to use it and periodic phone calls from a nurse to check on how they were doing. Over the next year, the results were mixed. A mong the patients who didn’t see benefit to home monitors were those who’d been left disabled by their stroke, while non-disabled patients saw about four points.

“Some patients had difficulty carrying out monitoring because they didn’t have a carer who helped them to help,” said Kerry. — Reuters

Amazon unveils wine marketplace in some US states

San Francisco, 10 Nov — Amazon.com Inc unveiled a new online wine marketplace on Thursday, in the company’s second attempt to crack a sector curtailed by a tangle of complex regulations.

Amazon Wine launched more than 1,000 wines from wineries in the United States, including Francis Ford Coppola, Hall, Mark Ryan, Eden Canyon, Pepper Bridge and Roadhouse.

The world’s largest Internet retailer said customers could order up to six bottles for a shipping fee of $9.99.

The service will be available to California, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming and the District of Columbia. Amazon said more states will be added “soon.”

Indeed, the limited number of states highlights the challenges of online wine sales due to regulations governing the sale and delivery of alcohol across U.S. state borders. A mazon had tried getting into the online wine business a few years ago, but put the effort on hold.

Wine.com, launched its own online wine marketplace earlier this week, ahead of Amazon’s move, which had been reported recently. Wine.com, which has been in the online wine business for 14 years, launched its marketplace with shipping to 25 states and also offered wines from countries outside the United States, including Canada, Australia. “A mazon has not offered us anything at this stage,” said Jean-Charles Boisset, a member of the Boisset Family Estates. “We have contacted them and would love to talk.”

Boisset has wineries in the United States, including DeLoach and Buena Vista, and also imports a lot of wine from its wineries in France and Italy. Boisset is working with Wine.com on its new marketplace. A marketplace approach is better than the traditional wholesale distribution system because it allows smaller wineries pressure cut off of 140/90 mm Hg. In that case, patients given a home monitor cut an average of 11 points from their blood pressure control — the top number in the reading. That compared with just under five points among patients who were not given the devices.

The new study, which appeared in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, focused on patients who’d recently had a stroke — a group that hasn’t really been studied when it comes to home blood pressure monitoring. “Overall, home monitoring did not improve blood pressure control in patients with hypertension and a history of stroke,” wrote lead researcher Sally Kerry, a researcher at Queen Mary, University of London.

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Husband of slain Iraqi-American woman arrested in death

SAN DIEGO, 10 Nov—The husband of an Iraqi-American woman who was beaten to death near San Diego in March in a killing initially probed as a possible anti-Muslim hate crime has been arrested for her murder, police said on Friday.

Shaima Alawadi, a 32-year-old mother of five, was found dead from asphyxiation in her home in the San Diego suburb of El Cajon, home to a large Arab-American population, and died of her injuries several days later.

A threatening note found at the scene suggested Alawadi might have been targeted because of her ethnicity.

In a sign of how closely the case was being watched, the US State Department expressed condolences for her death and Iraqi government officials attended her funeral in Iraq.

The Defence Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), a Pentagon organ in charge of foreign arms sales, said in a statement that it notified Congress on Thursday of the proposed deal to sell to Saudi Arabia 20 C-130J-30 aircraft and 5 KC-130 J Air Refueling Aircraft, as well as associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support.

“This proposed sale of C-130-J30 and KC-130J assets will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that has been and continues to be, an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East,” the DSCA said.

Saudi Arabia needs these aircraft to sustain its aging fleet, which faces increasing obsolescence, as they “will provide a modern configuration, improve reliability and enhance the Royal Saudi Air Force’s ability to effectively field, sustain and employ the aircraft,” the DSCA added.

It noted, at the same time, that the proposed arms sale “will not alter the basic military balance in the region.”

The prime contractors will be Lockheed Martin in Bethesda, Maryland, General Electric Aviation Systems in Sterling, Virginia, and Rolls Royce Corporation in Indianapolis, Indiana.


Britain’s Prince Charles (C front) meets crowds at the Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia, on 9 Nov, 2012. Britain’s Prince Charles and his wife Camilla have arrived in Sydney, enjoying a barge ride on the Sydney harbor before a morning tea with Australian Defence Force officers and their families, local media reported on Friday.

A grant agreement for SWeden’s PM’s residence works there for several years

STOCKHOLM, 10 Nov—The security guard killed at Swedish prime minister’s residence on Friday afternoon was confirmed to have worked there for several years.

The guard, about 50 years old and living in Stockholm, was found dead with his hand gun next to him by a colleague back from lunch in the sentry box near the entrance of the prime minister’s residence Sager Palace in Stockholm, according to local media.

Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt and his family were not in the Sager Palace at the time.

Police are investigating whether the death was a suicide or a work-related accident.

“With the information I have, I tend to believe it is a tragic accident. We are now focusing on helping the relatives and colleagues,” Anders Lon- nebo, president of the security guard company the Swedish Security Service, was quoted as saying by the Swedish daily Dagens Nyheter.

The company, with 900 employed guards, has been serving the prime minister’s residence since 2006. The dead guard had already been working for the government’s offices since 1984 before entering the company in 2006 and was a very experienced guard.

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will provide a grant of 68.4 million US dollars to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DR Congo) to improve food security, the IFAD said on Friday.

A grant agreement for the Kinshasa Food Supply Centre Support Programme was signed on Friday by Roger Shulungu Runika, deputy finance minister of DR Congo, and IFAD President Faridah Kanyarviance, the Rome-based organization said. Currently, the growth of the African country’s agriculture sector, which contributes to nearly 40 percent of gross domestic product, is 2 percent per year, far slower than the increase of its population, the IFAD noted.

“Without security, stability and government commitment to the sector, rural development and food security cannot become a reality” in the country, he said. The programme, aiming to boost the productivity and income of smallholder farmers in the western part of the country, is expected to improve the production of vegetable gardens and staple food crops, as well as their supply to the main urban markets.

It will train women and young people to build their capacity in production, processing and marketing, and generate conditions and maintenance of roads and hydro-agricul- tural infrastructure.

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The World Bank funds 400-mln-dollar credit to Serbia

Receed, 10 Nov—The World Bank on Friday pledged to help prop up the Serbian state budget with an additional 400 million US dollars, reported Radio Television Serbia (RTS).

Jane Armitage, World Bank’s country director in East Europe, told reporters after meeting with Serbian Prime Minister Ivica Dacic, that the World Bank’s goal for budget support was to assist with the reform of public enterprises.

According to Armitage, “the decline in Serbian GDP will be 1.5 percent this year” which is predicted to be the “worst in the region”.

On a more optimistic note, she stated that 2.5 percent growth was expected next year due to projected improvements in agricultural, automobile manufacturing at the Fiat plant in Serbia and an increase in foreign investment.

The World Bank funds are, however, contingent on Serbia reaching a new agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). An IMF delegation is scheduled to arrive in Belgrade on 13 November.
Basic commodity prices soaring

Despite stable rice price, the prices of basic kitchen crops are soaring, according to market sources.

The prices of onion and garlic are going up in November, according to a report in Myanmar Alinn.

The chilli price is on constant increase with no sign of going down. The market sources also said the import of these basic commodities contributed to the price hikes. — NLM

Myanmar hosts Asian youth weightlifting championships

Myanmar hosted the Asian youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships 2012 at Theinbyu Gymnasium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township of Yangon yesterday, Myanmar Alinn reported.

President of International Weightlifting Federation Mr Tamas Ajan, Secretary of Asian Weightlifting Federation Mr Ali Moradi and 1st Vice-President of Asian Weightlifting Federation Maj-Gen Intarat Yodbangloey and President of Myanmar Weightlifting Federation U Thet Lin were among the spectators of the tournament.

Thuzar (Myanmar) secured three gold medals in respective events of the championships.

Zeyar Shwe Myay (Myanmar) secured three gold medals in women’s 63 kilos events, followed by Han So Jin (Korea) and Saizollayeva (Kazakhstan) at yesterday’s competition.

A Myanmar Lwin of Myanmar bagged three bronze medals in women’s 99 kilos.

Hanbowa car market remains sluggish

The Hanbowa car market has been losing interest after beating Rakine United FC through penalty shoot-out in the hard-fought battle at Padoma Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

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Heavy rain sink paddy fields in Mohinyin

Heavy rainfall on 6 and 7 November in Kachin State sunk more than 20,000 acres of paddy in Mohinyin, according to a Myanma Alinn report.

According to an official of the research farm that witnessed inundation, the decline of paddy quality is the maximum effect. The source did not expect the major loss.

Some farmers said there would be decline in yield. The Meteorology and Hydrology Department had issued an early warning about the scattered showers. — NLM

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Yatanarpon Teleport confirms potential change in calculation of mobile network fee

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Fire breaks out in Padaukpin oil well for second time in November

A fire broke out at Padaukpin oil well of Shwe Yarbi oil company in Thayet Township in Thayet District of Magway Region on 8 November for second time in a month, Myanma Alinn reported.

Equipment from three oil wells and 25 barrels of crude oil were lost in the fire that burnt down three tents of the staff of the company.

The fire started at 1:40 am and was put out about an hour later. — NLM
Myan mar is a predominantly agricultural country with the majority of population living in the countryside in small towns and rural communities. Naturally small town kids and village lads are larger in proportion than the urbanites of Yangon, Mandalay, Mawlamyine, Pathein etc. Only in the turn of the new millennium there was a visible urban migration attracted by the lure of better work opportunities, better education, higher life-style and more vibrant conmunication with the world at large. M any small town and rural boys with aspiration for a better future attend the universities in Yangon and Mandalay after passing Matriculation for first grade studies, thence to post graduate Diploma, Masters, Ph.Ds and beyond, both within the country and abroad.

With Independence in 1948 many job opportunities opened up due to erstwhile expatriates employed in government departments leaving service and the country including the ICS. Such mass exodus had created a large vacuum in the civil services sector for young fresh graduates to choose from. There was a keen competition for gazette positions selected by the Public Service Commission and were entrusted with missions for law and order, reconstruction rehabilitation and national development, with discipline, integrity and dedication.

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A new light of myanmar
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President U Thein Sein attends ceremony to share merits gained for ordination...

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At the ceremony, the cash donations amounted to over K 178.4 million.

L O A N D I S B U R S E D TO COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN MANDALAY REGION

N A Y P Y I T A W, 10 NOV — “Only cooperatives system helps the people who are doing agricultural, livestock and general businesses on the small amount of capital contribute to socio-economic development of those people,” said Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan, at a ceremony to grant micro finance loan for township/ward/village in Mandalay Region held at Cooperatives College (M andalay) yesterday.

The Union Minister, M andalay Region Planning and Economic Minister U Aung Zan and officials disbursed loan of K 1129.035 million through chairman of cooperatives society and cooperatives syndicates.

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peratives will offer loan to cooperatives societies across the country.

The renovated 75-year old ordination hall.— MNA

W in Thazin bloom after a year of careful nursing, adorning Lord Buddha in devoted homage. Then it was the preserve of the Royalty adorning the hair of the Queens, princesses and the royalty. Now it is preserved for the teachers of the University and the fresh graduates for Convocation coming in the open season. The choicest stems are also reserved in the Thazin gardens well in advance for the wedding and reception parties come October every year. In the month of Thingyan after the first spring showers the golden Padauk blooms in all its golden yellow hue, for only one month of every year, and only one day of the month, greeted the Thingyan and the New Year. By May and June mangoes ripen: traditional Aung D in from Mandalay, Ma Chit Su, Mandalay Y in Kwe succulently sweet and juicy to break Mandalay’s drought and the latest Aung Win Aung and cool, and toddlers to sleep. Only now, after a long gap of six months of the month, greeted the Thingyan and the New Year. By May and June mangoes ripen: traditional Aung D in from Mandalay, Ma Chit Su, Mandalay Y in Kwe succulently sweet and juicy to break Mandalay’s drought and the latest Aung Win Aung and cool, and the best, religious festivities are celebrated by the country.

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**WORLD**

**Sweeping Mexico energy reform may stumble in Congress**

Mexico City, 10 Nov—Mexico’s incoming government will send a wide-reaching energy reform bill to Congress in the first half of 2013, but it is braced for the prospect of accepting a watered-down version that would likely deter investment by oil majors. President-elect Enrique Pena Nieto wants to shake up the sector by opening up state oil monopoly Pemex to more private investment, hoping it will help boost production. But as a feisty debate in Congress over a labor reform bill has shown, Pena Nieto may struggle in a divided Congress to secure a constitutional reform needed to forge ahead with the deep changes he wants to make.

Changing the constitution, which is necessary to allow foreign companies to take a stake in the country’s ample hydrocarbon reserves and for Pemex to enter joint ventures, requires a two-thirds major vote in Congress.

Sen David Penchyna, leader of the energy committee in the Mexican Senate and a member of Pena Nieto’s Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, has hedged his bets.

“Right now, out there in that drawer I can take out, without exaggerating, six different proposed models, some with constitutional reforms, some without,” Penchyna, a senator from Mexico’s eastern Hidalgo state and former PRI spokesman, said in an interview this week.

“Does a constitutional framework give greater certainty? Yes,” he added. “But ... the sector is so attractive and profitable even without constitutional changes.”

Mexico, the world’s No 7 oil producer, nationalized its energy industry in 1938 and it remains a powerful symbol of national self-sufficiency.—Reuters

**Brazil launches nationwide literacy programme**

Rio de Janeiro, 10 Nov—Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff on Thursday inaugurated a nationwide literacy programme, saying education is the key to equal opportunities, “... can ensure access to equal educational opportunities,” she said. “... More than any other initiative, education and writing among children.”

The programme, which re-starts next year, will take place in 15,000 schools over the next two years.

Promoting reading and writing among children cannot be achieved by the government alone, said Rousseff, adding that families and society as a whole need to get involved also. “The future of the country is at stake,” she said. “The poor education of public school children is at the root of inequality.”—Xinhua

**Tax hike for wealthy Americans won’t kill growth**

A man with a local group of upper income professionals who call themselves “Tax-U-States” holds a sign during a rally at City Hall in San Francisco, California on 17 April, 2012.—Reuters

WASHINGTON, 10 Nov—Allowing income tax rates to rise for wealthy Americans, and maintaining rates for the less affluent, would hurt US economic growth much as it did in 2013, the Congressional Budget Office said on Thursday, stepping into a dispute between Republicans and Democrats over how to resolve the so-called “fiscal cliff.”

The report by the authoritative non-partisan arm of Congress is expected to fuel President Barack Obama’s demand for higher taxes on the rich, part of his proposal to avoid the full impact of the expiring tax cuts and across-the-board spending reductions set to begin in early 2013 unless Congress acts.

Democrats argue that any tax increases would be devastating to the economy, particularly to small businesses and to US employment rates.

They have held firm to their position that none of the cuts, which originated during the administration of President George W Bush, should be allowed to expire.

The CBO said the tax hikes for the wealthy would reduce job growth by around 500,000, much less than the 700,000 in job losses claimed by Republican Speaker of the House John A Boehner.

Obama has also stuck to his position, with the White House reiterating on Thursday that the president sees his election victory on Tuesday as an endorsement by voters of his view on further taxes for the affluent. “One of the messages that was sent by the American people is, ‘We need to do a little bit more in the context of reducing our deficit in a balanced way,’” senior White House adviser David Plouffe said.—Reuters

**Disputes, concerns obstruct uncovering Arafat’s death circumstances**

AMMAN, 10 Nov—As the Palestinians are preparing to mark the eight-year-anniversary of their historic leader Yasser Arafat’s death on Sunday, they are still unable to come up with evidence to uncover the circumstances of his death, when there are speculations that he was assassinated.

Arafat died under mysterious circumstances on 11 Nov, 2004 in a military hospital near Paris in France without finding any evidence that he was poisoned and his body wasn’t autopsied. However, Arafat’s death circumstances went up to the surface following the Qatari special probe team’s report aired in July.

The report revealed that according to tests of a specialized Swedish institution to Arafat’s belongings and garments, high percentages of the radioactive poisoned Plutonium were discovered. The Palestinian National Authority (PNA) began to act in accordance to what was recently discovered.

The PNA contacted the Swedish Institution and asked Swedish and French experts to come to Ramallah and take sample from Arafat’s bones and test them again. The PNA coordinated with Arafat’s widow Suha Arafat, who agreed after she asked a French court permission to test her late husband’s remains.

While the Palestinians are eagerly waiting to see a scientific evidence to show whether Arafat died of a poison or not, the measures of doing so is going slow and the lawsuits are pointed to the legal and technical measures in addition to disputes among Arafat’s clan members on the whole issue.

Tawfik Tiraw, head of the Palestinian fact-finding committee to probe Arafat’s death, told Xinhua that there are also differences between the French and Swedish medical teams on opening Arafat’s grave and taking the samples of bones from it.

“The PNA is determined to go ahead with finding the truth and know the circumstances behind Arafat’s death,” Tiraw said, while a Palestinian official who spoke anonymously to Xinhua that the differences between the two teams are related to PNA’s right of knowing the truth.

**Snow falls in Hegang City, northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, on 9 Nov, 2012. A snowfall hit Hegang from Thursday.**

**662,000 still without power in East due to Sandy**

New York, 10 Nov—More customers in New York and New Jersey were without power on Thursday morning than Wednesday due to a nor’easter that knocked out over 300,000 customers and slowed utilities’ efforts to restore power outages from Hurricane Sandy.

But by early Thursday, the utilities restored most of the nor’easter related outages and were back to restoring the Sandy related outages.

More than 662,000 homes and businesses primarily in New York and New Jersey were still without power Thursday morning, 10 days after Sandy smashed into the East Coast, up from about 626,000 out this time on Wednesday.

Sandy made landfall in New Jersey on the night of 29 October. Power companies said the storm affected about 8.48 million customers in 21 states, according to a US Department of Energy report.

Note: States with fewer than 1,000 outages are not included in the DOE’s table.—Reuters
18th Asian Games to bring opportunities, challenges to Vietnam, Hanoi citizens

HANOI, 10 Nov — Winning right to host the 18th Asian Games in 2019 has already stirred strong reactions from citizens of Hanoi, capital City of Vietnam. “To host the Games is of great significance for Vietnam to raise its position in international and regional arena,” Nguyen Ha Le, a 29-year-old television producer, told Xinhua on Friday.

Le is one of the Hanoi citizens who warmly welcome the decision made Thursday by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) to award Vietnam the right to host the event.

In a vote at the 31st General Assembly of the OCA in Macao on Thursday, Hanoi beat Indonesia’s second biggest City Surabaya to win the right to host the regionally biggest sport event.

“As Asian Games is the biggest sport event in the region, the hosting of the event will bring a lot of opportunities for Vietnam to develop, not only in sports, but also in other areas including infrastructure, tourism and other services,” said Le, who like many other Hanoi sports fans heard the news on television on Thursday. “I feel very happy as Vietnam has made great efforts in running for the Games. From now on, Vietnamese government will pay more attention to construction of sport and transport infrastructure. There will be more stadiums to be built and transportation system upgraded. This will be a chance for Vietnam to modernize its image in the eyes of international community.”

Many Hanoi citizens shared similar view with Le, including Pham Thi Thoa, 33, owner of a sport facility shop, who was excited about the event.

Mongolia holds National Consumer Conference

ULAN BATOR, 10 Nov — The Mongolian government held a National Consumer Conference under the theme of “People is God” here on Friday, which demanded that relevant ministries, manufacturers and distributors should treat consumers as “God” and improve product quality.

Mongolia’s Prime Minister Altankhuyag addressed the opening session. He said that Mongolia would change the “reform government” into a “service-oriented government.”

He vowed to create more jobs and wealth for people and provide them with affordable food so as to improve their livelihood. Leaders of the relevant departments answered questions from representatives. Questions focused on quality of housing, heating of homes in winter and food prices. Some consumer representatives said that manufacturers should guarantee quality at the beginning, and that distributors should not ignore reasonable demands of customers when business is good.

More than 800 representatives from all parts of the country attended the conference, many of whom queued to raise questions, which reflected consumers’ awareness about rights protection. —Xinhua

Singapore in talks with US on FATCA

SINGAPORE, 10 Nov — The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), the city state’s central bank together with the Finance Ministry, announced on Friday that the government is on talk with the US Department of the Treasury to conclude an intergovernmental agreement on the US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA).

According to the Press release, a private sector advisory panel will be formed to provide industry inputs to the talks.

The FATCA is known as the US initiative to cracking down on tax evasion by their taxpayers who put assets in offshore accounts, requiring reports from foreign financial institutions that hold accounts for US residents. Earlier this year, the co-founder of Facebook, Eduardo Saverin, controversially gave up his US citizenship and decided to live in Singapore. Some critics thought he was aiming at avoiding taxes from the US government. —Xinhua

Mongolia

Vietnam

Indonesian govt expects 6.4 pct growth in Q4

JAKARTA, 10 Nov — The Indonesian government expected economy to expand by 6.4 percent in the final quarter, supported by investment, consumption and government spending, a minister said here on Saturday.

Indonesian Coordinating Minister for Economy Hatta Rajasa said that he expected the economy to grow by at least 6.3 percent this year. “Our target is 6.4 percent at the fourth quarter,” he told Xinhua at the State Palace.

The government spending regularly peaks at the last quarter. Indonesia’s economy accelerated by 6.17 percent in the third quarter after growing by 6.37 percent and 6.3 percent in the first two quarters respectively, according to the national statistical bureau. —Xinhua

Public support needed to combat children’s malnutrition

MANILA, 10 Nov — Philippine President Benigno Aquino III on Friday enjoined Filipinos to work with the government to bring down the incidence of malnutrition and meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) target of the United Nations.

In his address during the 2012 National Nutrition Awarding ceremony, Aquino said that while the government has achieved a lot in fighting malnutrition, much needs to be done to meet the MDG target of reducing the proportion of underweight Filipino children to 13.6 percent by 2015.

Based on the report titled “Updating of the Nutritional Status of Filipinos” made by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute, the government was able to bring down the proportion of underweight children to 20.2 percent in 2011, from 26.5 percent in 1992. Aquino said a major strategy of the Philippine government to meet the MDG target by 2015 is to focus on the first 1,000 days of each child—from conception to two years old. He said the government will carry out nutrition counseling for expectant mothers, prepare them for breastfeeding, put up lactation stations and promote the regular use of alternative milk. —Xinhua
**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**HOLIDAY NOTICE**

As the wharves warehouses and Cheffal offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 13th November 2012 (DEPA VALI DAY) and 28th November 2012 (FULL Mon Day of Tazaungmone) Goods shipped or delivered on payment will be received as Holiday Fees.

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**INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER**

TENDER NO (7) (E) S.A.M.D. (2012-2013)

1. **Open Tender** are invited by Agricultural M echanization Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, for the supply of the following stores.

   - **Lot No:** (1) Cylinder Liner
   - **Lot No:** (2) INDO FARM Tractor Spare Parts 28 items
   - **Lot No:** (3) JD 3300 Tractor Spare Parts 18 items
   - **Lot No:** (4) Generator 2 items
   - **Lot No:** (5) Forklift 6 items

2. Tenders Closing date: 26-11-2012, (16:00 hrs)

3. Tenders documents are available at Equipment & Stores Branch of Agricultural Mechanization Department (Head Office), AOMC Office No. (50), Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours from (11-12-2012). Only Tenders Purchased from A M D will be accepted.

4. For more details, Contact, 067-343243

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Agricultural M echanization Department

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**Nearly half of Britons want EU exit**

LONDON, 10 Nov— Nearly half of Britons would vote in a referendum to leave the European Union and only a third to stay, according to a poll of high-lighting divisions facing Prime Minister David Cameron.

Polling company YouGov said on Thursday 49 percent favoured leaving the EU, 28 percent would vote to stay in the 27-nation bloc, 17 percent were undecided and the rest would not vote.

The British leider is under growing pressure from rebels within his party to take a tougher stance with Brussels when he attends Prime Minister David Cameron.

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**Six people killed in Iraq’s violence**

BAGHDAD, 10 Nov— A total of six people were killed and another three wounded in separate bomb and gunfire attacks in central and northern Iraq on Thursday, the police said.

One of the attacks occurred in the morning when a roadside bomb ripped through a residential area in the town of Hadiya yah which are predominant Shiites, some 30 km south of Baghdad, without causing human casualty, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

A fourth car bomb was set off in the town of al Hadeed, some 10 km northeast of Baghdad, a local police source anonymously told Xinhua.

In a separate incident, a civilian was killed and his son wounded when a sticky bomb attached to his car went off in the city of al Hadeed, some 10 km of Baghdad, the source said.

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**Blood on US soldier’s clothes matched DNA from Afghan rampage scene**

TACOMA (Washington), 10 Nov— US Army investigators found traces of blood from nine people on the clothes of a US soldier accused of killing 16 Afghan villagers, but only one of the DNA samples matched blood found at the crime scene, a forensic specialist said Thursday.

Military prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for Army Staff Sergeant Robert Bales, accusing him of gunning down village villagers — mostly women and children — when he ventured out of his remote camp on two revenge-fueled forays over a five-hour period in March.

An Army forensic specialist, testifying in a hearing to decide if there is enough evidence to warrant a court-martial, said blood from nine unknown people — four females and five males — was found on Bales’ clothing, underwear, socks and shoes. “I tried to take what I thought was a representative item,” said Christine Trapolsi, a DNA examiner with the US Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory, describing how she cut blood-stained swatches of clothing taken from Bales after he returned to his Camp Belambay base after the killings.

Her testimony was the first to physically link Bales to the crime scene with forensic evidence. She said she compared the samples to blood swabs taken from 10 compounds in the villages of Alkozai and Najibian where assaults and charges of assault and battery were committed.

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**Canada’s plant explosion with potentially toxic smoke injures 17**

OTTAWA, 10 Nov— An explosion and fire at a health— product plant in Sherbrooke, Quebec of Canada, injured 17 people on Thursday, leaving a dark cloud of potentially toxic smoke looming over nearby areas.

Police authorities said that the incident occurred in Neptune Technologies & Bioressources Inc., a health products producer from marine life known as Omega-3, local media reported.

If sunlight had caused the explosion, police said, adding that within minutes, employees were evacuated from the facility and the injured rushed to hospital.

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**49 more Filipino workers to return from troubled Syria**

MANILA, 10 Nov— A nother batch of 49 Filipino workers will be repatriated from strife-torn Syria on Sunday, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said on Thursday.

The DFA said in a statement that the latest batch of overseas Filipino workers bring the total number of returnees to 2,992.

The DFA said that the return of the 49 Filipino workers was paid by the International Organization for Migration. As of 6 Nov, the Philippine government said 192 Filipinos are being given refuge by the Philippines Embassy in Damascus, Syria while their repatriation is being processed.

The overseas Filipino workers were repatriated due to the escalating violence and worsening of security condition in the troubled Middle Eastern country.

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**Iraq**

In Iraq’s eastern Province of Diyala, a policeman was killed and civilians wounded when a sticky bomb attached to their car went off in the city of al-Shirqat, some 290 km north of Baghdad, a local police source said.

Also in the north, a gunman shot dead a lawyer in front of his house in al-Sukker, northern the City of Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, a local police source told Xinhua.

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 bombings and sporadic shootings and bombings still common across the country.

Xinhua

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Daniel Craig wants to quit "James Bond" role

LOS ANGELES, 10 Nov — Actor Daniel Craig, who has played super spy in three "James Bond" movies, wants to quit the franchise, but film bosses won’t let him.

Craig, 44, first played the role in 2006 movie Casino Royale. “I’ve been trying to get out of this from the very moment I got into it. But they won’t let me go, and I’ve agreed to do a couple of more,” thin.co.uk quoted Craig as saying.

His other two Bond movies are 2008 movie Quantum Of Solace and recently released Skyfall.

“Twilight” fans camp out days ahead of “Breaking Dawn-Part 2”

LOS ANGELES, 10 Nov — Dozens of excited “Twilight” fans set up tents in Los Angeles on Thursday ahead of next week’s world premiere of the last film in the vampire romance franchise. Some 2,200 people from all over the world have registered to camp on a concrete plaza outside a downtown Los Angeles movie theater, movie studio Summit Entertainment said.

The fans - most of them young women - will get guaranteed spots to see stars Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner walk the red carpet for the 12 November world premiere of “The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2.” Summit has laid on special activities during the five day wait, including a marathon screening of the four other films in the blockbuster franchise, surprise appearances from some cast members, and a “Twilight”-themed workout.

“We figured it was a once in a lifetime opportunity for some of us. This is the last movie. We’re never going to get to do it again and we wanted to hang out with some of our friends for the last once,” Bri-Anne Glover told Reuters Television as she settled in at the camp on Thursday. “I love ‘Breaking Dawn’ because that’s kind of where I am in my life. I’ve got the husband, I’ve got my children, and we’re getting on with our lives and having a happy life and the same with Edward and Jacob and Bella,” said fan Erika Bradford.

The “Twilight” books by author Stephenie Meyer have been a publishing sensation and the four movies have made more than $2.5 billion combined at box offices worldwide. The final film sees the bliss of newlyweds Bella (Stewart) and Edward (Pattinson) and their daughter threatened by an ancient vampire coven.

Britney Spears is like mother to X Factor contestants

LONDON, 10 Nov — Britney Spears is like mother to her US X Factor contestants. The Toxic singer mentors the youngest singers on the Fox reality show and they believe that she has two kids herself — Sean Preston, seven, and six-year-old Jayden James — Britney instinctively looks out for their best interests in the competition.

Speaking at the X Factor finalists party in Los Angeles on Monday, Beate Miiller, 13, exclusively told BANG Showbiz: “Britney is the best, I had all her music growing up so I was able to ask her advice. She’s so nurturing. I was having a lot of trouble with my voice this morning and she totally understood. She totally respected the fact that I was unwrked and said ‘just do whatever you feel is necessary’.

Carly Rose Sonenclar, 13, was also having voice issues this week and agreed that Britney made sure each of her contestants were looked after. She added at the bash held at The Bazaar at the SLS Hotel in Beverly Hills: “She’s very personal and fun and hands on. She’s very open to questions and suggestions. I’ve been worried about my voice this week and I feel like I can go to Britney with any issues I have.”

Aimin Ray, 17, has returned to the X Factor as a solo artist after auditioning as part of a group last year and is thrilled to have Britney as his mentor. He said: “To come back this year and have Britney as my mentor is just amazing. The way we bonded was incredible, I hope to some day be as successful as her.

Javier Bardem receives star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame

20-month-old son Leo — was joined by his James Bond director Sam Mendes as well as fellow castmates Naomie Harris and Benicio Del Toro at the ceremony where the modest 43-year-old actor allegedly admitted he was “so embarrassed” to be honoured with the prestigious accolade.

According to E! News, Javier’s acceptance speech was full of humour and he even poked fun at his broken nose which he reportedly received in a bar fight several years ago.

The Oscar winning actor said: “Javier Bardem Day. That’s so cool. And what’s that like? Does everyone have to walk with a broken nose around Hollywood Boulevard?” Javier follows in the footsteps of his beautiful wife of more than two years Penelope, who received her Hollywood star in April 2011, but was not present at her husband’s ceremony.

The 38-year-old actress was presented with her honour from her Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides co-star Johnny Depp. Javier’s star is located in front of the El Capitan Theatre on Hollywood Boulevard.

VP Joe Biden guest stars as celebrity crush on “Parks and Rec”

WASHINGTON, 10 Nov — Someone has a big crush on US Vice President Joe Biden — and now she is getting to meet him. Biden will make his TV acting debut with a cameo on NBC’s comedy “Parks and Recreation” as the celebrity crush of actress Amy Poehler’s ditsy local councilwoman Leslie Knope, NBC said on Thursday.

Biden, 69, will play himself in the episode “Leslie vs. April,” airing on 15 November, where Knope, a city councilwoman for the fictional small town of Pawnee, Indiana, has a surprise meeting with the vice president in Washington DC.

Knope has long described her ideal man as having the brains of George Clooney and the body of Joe Biden.

“Meeting Vice President Biden was a thrill for me and for Leslie,” Poehler said in a statement. “He was a good sport and a great improviser. The vice president maintained his composure while I harassehim and invaded his personal space. The nation of ‘Parks and Rec’ will forever be grateful,” she added. The scenes with Biden were shot in July in the chambers of the vice president’s ceremonial office, during the TV show’s recent trip to the nation’s capital to film scenes for this season’s storylines. The biggest challenge of landing Biden’s cameo was keeping it a secret before Tuesday’s US elections.

US Vice President Joe Biden waves upon his arrival in Wilmington, Delaware on 7 Nov. 2012. Biden will spend the night at his home here before returning to Washington. — Reuters

Craig, 44, first played the role in 2006 movie Casino Royale. — PTI

A Twilight fan displays an autographed magazine featuring Twilight as fans begin camping out at the Nokia Theater for the chance to see stars of ‘The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2” at the 12 November premieres in Los Angeles, California on 8 Nov, 2012. — Reuters

V P Joe Biden guest stars as celebrity crush on “Parks and Rec”
**Blow for Real Madrid as Higuain out for a month**

MADRID, 10 Nov — Real Madrid striker Gonzalo Higuain will be out of action for around a month as the result of the muscular injury he picked up against Borussia Dortmund on Tuesday night. Higuain was substituted at half time in the game after suffering the injury in the first half and tests carried out on Thursday and published on Friday confirm that he has a torn muscle that will keep him out of action for between three and four weeks.

The first game Higuain misses is Sunday's complicated BBVA Primera Liga match away to Levante, one of the few places where his side lost last season, while he will also miss the Champions League trip to play Manchester City and the home game against Athletic Club Bilbao the preceding Saturday. The injury is a setback for the Argentinean who has been in excellent form this season, scoring seven goals in less than 700 minutes action in the league and earning the right to start in the team ahead of Karim Benzema, who looked last season as if he had become first choice for Mourinho.

Benzema will also miss out at the weekend with a slight muscle problem that kept him out in midweek.

**Murray beats Tsonga to reach London semis**

LONDON, 10 Nov — Britain's Andy Murray reached the semi-finals of the ATP World Tour Finals when he completed his Group A matches with a 6-2, 7-6 victory over Jo-Wilfried Tsonga on Friday. Big rival Novak Djokovic clinched top spot in the group earlier against Tomas Berdych and Murray walked on to the O2 Arena court knowing winning one set would be enough to see him finish runner-up to the Serbian world number one.

Frenchman Tsonga, despite losing his opening two round-robin matches, could have reached the semis at Murray's expense with a straight sets win but a loose first set scuppered any hope. Murray surged into 4-0 lead as a languid Tsonga gifted the Scot two service breaks with a rash of unforced errors. Tsonga finally got off the mark in the fifth game but it did little to alter the flow of the match asDr Open champion Murray wrapped up the opening set in 33 minutes.

Two double faults from Tsonga helped Murray break serve at the start of the second. Murray appeared to lose focus when he allowed Tsonga to break to love and level at 4-4, Murray served out for the win.

**Beljan leads PGA event despite heart palpitations**

LOS ANGELES, 10 Nov — PGA tour rookie Charlie Beljan was taken to hospital with heart palpitations after shooting a 64 to seize the second-round lead in the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Classic in Lake Buena Vista in Florida on Friday. Beljan, fighting for a place on the tour for 2013, was also fighting his health with an elevated heart rate and shortness of breath forcing him to lay or sit down between shots as he posted two eagles, six birdies and two bogeys on his way to a three-shot lead at 12-under 132. Seven players were tied on 135. It remains to be seen whether or not the 28-year-old American will return to play the weekend.

“A couple times when he was putting, I thought he might just pass out,” his caddie, Rick Adcox, told reporters. “On 16, he put the ball down to putt, marked it and walked away. I thought maybe he was going to get sick there.” Beljan complained of breathing difficulties before his round and called for a medical hold at the 16th green to help him recover.

“I’ve got to give Charlie credit for what he did,” Adcox said. “I thought he was going to quit out there a few times. He sat down on the bag a few times. He laid down a few times.”

Beljan, who won the 2002 US Junior Amateur, was number 139 on the money list entering the event, with only the top 125 assured of keeping their full cards for next year. Current projections have Beljan needing to finish somewhere inside the top 10 to reclaim a job for next season.

**Knicks grind down Mavericks to maintain perfect start**

NEW YORK, 10 Nov — The New York Knicks remain the only undefeated team in the National Basketball Association (NBA) after an impressive 104-94 win over the winless Dallas Mavericks at Madison Square Garden on Friday.

The Knicks were led by five-time all-star Carmelo Anthony who top scored with 31 points and bench man J R Smith who added 22, nine of them during a third quarter surge in which the home team broke clear.

The Knicks, now 4-0, halted a three-game winning streak for the Mavericks who dropped to 4-2. O J Mayo top scored for the Mavericks with 23 but had eight turnovers in a mixed night.

**Steelers, receiver Sanders fined over fake injury**

PITTSBURGH, 10 Nov — The Pittsburgh Steelers and wide receiver Emmanuel Sanders have been fined a total of $50,000 for a faked injury by Sanders in the 21 October game against the Cincinnati Bengals, the National Football League (NFL) said on Friday.

Sanders was fined $15,000 and the Steelers $35,000, the league said. The league had told clubs in September it intended to crack down on faked injuries used to stop the clock or give a team a chance to get better organized. Sanders grabbed his leg and fell to the ground complaining of a cramp during the fourth quarter of the Steelers' 24-17 win.

NFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations Ray Anderson said in a letter to Sanders and the Steelers, “neither the video sequence of the pertinent plays nor the observations of the on-field official support Sanders’s contention that he was in severe pain.”

After sitting out one play, Sanders returned to the field to help in coverage of a fourth-down punt and sprinted down the field ahead of all the other Pittsburgh players. Anderson said there was no suggestion the Steelers had taught or condoned the faking of injuries. “If I believed that to be the case, the discipline would be substantially more,” he said.

**Brown fired from Lakers coach NBA**

LOS ANGELES, 10 Nov — Mike Brown was fired from the Lakers after a 1-4 season start, Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak confirmed on Wednesday. The Lakers lost their first three games before their lone victory — a 108-79 triumph over winless Detroit on Sunday. After a 95-86 setback at Utah on Wednesday, speculation surrounding Brown’s job status was rampant.

Brown was just beginning his second year as Lakers coach. The team was 41-25 during the lockout-shortened 2011-12 season and lost to Oklahoma City in the second round of the Western Conference playoffs. The firing came hours ahead of the Lakers playing host to Golden State, a game in which the squad will be guided by assistant coach Bernie Bickerstaff on an interim basis.

**Cowboys rout Knicks guard O J Mayo (2nd L) and New York Knicks point guard Jason Kidd (C) fight for a loose ball in front of Knicks centre Tyson Chandler (R) during the first quarter of their NBA basketball game at Madison Square Garden in New York, on 9 Nov, 2012. — Reuters**

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MOSCOW, 10 Nov—Russia handed over a frigate to the Indian Navy, the United Shipbuilding Corporation said on Friday. The frigate was handed over to India at a ceremony at the Yantar Baltic Shipyard.

Frigate Tarkash is the second in the three Project 11356 ships built by the Yantar Shipyard under a Russian-India contract,“ United Shipbuilding Corporation spokesman Alexei Kravchenko told reporters.

The first frigate, the Tag was handed over to India in April 2012. It has successfully launched a Russian-India Brahmos supersonic cruise missile during tests in October.

Yantar Shipyard, universities cladding in traditional dress of national races and demonstrated the song “a song for the unity”.

U Aye Myint Kyu, Union Minister for Culture and Chairman of the committee for preparations for opening and closing ceremonies for the XXVII SEA Games and vice-chairmen and members of the sub-committee enjoyed the rehearsal.

Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries funded K 4 million, National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon), K 2 million, Ministry of Culture K 2 million and Nay Pyi Taw Command K 500,000 totaling K 8.5 million for the rehearsal.— NLM

Nay Pyi Taw, 10 Nov—“Radiologists play an important role in both diagnosis and treatment in medical service delivery. The government therefore is doing its best to furnish equipment and develop professionals for development of radiology and radiography”, said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin at 11th radiological conference of Myanmar Medical Association at Chatrium Hotel Natmauk Road here this morning.

The Union Minister added that advanced equipment for radiography were furnished to not only teaching hospitals but also region/state level hospitals at present and measures are underway to equip hospitals in capital Yagon and Mandalay with linear accelerator CT- Simulators to offer more effective treatment.

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AYEYAWADY REGION Chief Minister’s Shield Football Tournament kicks off

Nay Pyi Taw, 10 Nov—Ayeayawady Region Chief Minister’s Shield U-19 Football Tournament kicked off at K obwin Pitch in Pathein yesterday evening.

Ayeayawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung spoke on the occasion and opened the tournament.

Opening, closing ceremonies of XXVII SEA Games in rehearsal

Yangon, 10 Nov—Opening and closing ceremonies of XXVII SEA Games were rehearsed at the Wunna Theikdi Stadium here this morning.

A total of 10,000 staff from ministries participated in the rehearsal.

Myanmar traditional elephant dance and Maha Sitaw dance were performed by students of Ministry of Culture and students from Russia.

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YANGON, 10 Nov—Myanmar sports delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaung Htaik held discussions with Deputy Minister for Commerce Mr Li Jinzao, Sport General Bureau Deputy Minister Vice Chairman of Chinese Olympic Committee Mr Yang Shu an, General Manager of China Sports International Co., Ltd Mr Lu Guo Guang, Deputy Director-General of Human Resources Development Center Mr Jin Huaheng and Director-General of Information Center and member of Chinese Olympics Committee Mr Zhao Li and officials at Beijing of China on 5 and 6 November.

On 8 November, Myanmar delegation also attended 31st Olympics Opening and closing ceremonies of XXVII SEA Games in progress.— NLM

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