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Aides, medical care reach out to earthquake victims

NAVPYITAW, 13 Nov — The strong earthquake which jolted at 07:42:38 hrs on 11 November destroyed pagodas, religious edifices, houses, schools, offices and construction work and killed and wounded some people in Sagaing, Thabeikkyin, Kyaukse and Mandalay regions.

The earthquake destroyed 25 schools, 35 monasteries, 45 pagodas, 55 staff quarters, 201 houses, 13 clinics, one pier and five cable towers and transformers in Sagaing and Mandalay regions.

The government has planned to rebuild offices and staff quarters and will construct low-cost quake-resistant housings for the victims and pagodas and will rebuild pagodas, religious edifices and schools in cooperation with donors.

Under the leadership of the government, the local authority, local people, donors, the Tatmadaw, members of the fire services department, Red Cross members and NGOs have provided aids to the earthquake victims for their livelihood, health and security.

Besides, special medical teams comprising specialists are providing medical care to the victims. — MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses second Green Economy and Green Growth Forum.— MNA

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Myanmar wrestlers aiming for more gold in 2013 SEA Games

Although wrestling is an internationally famous sport, it is in the early stage to be increasingly popular among the public in Myanmar.

Myanmar Wrestling Federation founded in 2008 took part in the XXVI SEA Games in 2011 in Indonesia to have first-hand experience of international wrestling sports event. But four of five wrestlers bagged four bronze medals in the event.

Myanmar Wrestling Federation is making systematic arrangements for the success of Myanmar wrestlers in coming XXVII SEA Games. It is sure to bag gold medals, Secretary of the federation Dr Aung Kyaw San said. —Kyemon

Book Corners arrive in Monywa

Aimed at boosting reading habit and accumulating the knowledge of local people, Public Service Book Corners are being kept open at a railway station and a bus terminal in Monywa, starting from 5 November.

DAILY newspapers, weekly journals and other publications of interest are available at the book corners which are being kept open daily for readers to enjoy free of charge.

Those who want to donate publications to the book corners are invited to put their books on the shelves of the book corners. —Kyemon

GSM mobile networks upgraded in Mandalay

Mandalay, 13 Nov—Thanks to MGW Capacity Expansion of ZTE GSM/UMTS system in Mandalay on 27 October, it is learnt that telecommunication system was getting better and breakdown in Internet connection began to lessen.

Under the plan for extension of GSM/UMTS mobile phones by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Pyin Oo Lwin, TadaU, Myittha, Kume, Kyauske, Ngazun, Natogyi, Taungtha, Bagan, NyaungU and Mogok Townships in Mandalay Region and Sagaing, Kalay, Kawlin, Katha and Wuntho Townships in Sagaing Region have better communications in GSM mobile networks.

Photo shows renovations to Botataung Kyakdeup SandawU Pagoda which is gaining momentum with the collaborative efforts between the pagoda board of trustees and wellwishers on 10 November.

Kyemon

Cash donation for Maha Wisaya Ordination Hall

YANGON, 13 Nov—A seventh cash donation ceremony of taxi drivers, members of a social and religious association of the car hire service of the Ministry of Commerce, and their families was held at Myothit monastery in Pyinmana on 8 November.

Responsible persons of the association presented K 3 million to the fund of Maha Wisaya Ordination Hall which is under construction at the monastery through the Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw.

Kyemon

Road accidents are frequent due to reckless stopping of vehicles loaded with edible palm oil containers in front of Htidan edible palm oil tankers near Thekwin bus-stop on Strand Road in Kyimyinda Township.

Kyemon

Motorbike licences issued

THAYET, 13 Nov—Official licences were issued to owners of more than 10,000 unlicensed motorbikes in six townships of Thayet District in Magway Region till 4 November, the last date of prescribed period.

As a combined team comprising personnel of Internal Revenue Department, Directorate of Road Administration, Customs Department, —Kyemon

Myanmar Economic Bank and Myanmar Insurance carried out a task of issuing licences to owners of 1134 motorbikes in Thayet, Aunglan, M indon, M inhla, Hsinbaungwe and Kanma Townships of Thayet District, K 575,411,450 went to the government finances. —Kyemon

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Paletweh model farmland sees good harvest

Hsinbo, 13 Nov—A ceremony to harvest a five-acre Paletweh hybrid paddy model farmland of farmer U Kyaw Soe was held at Pinbaw village of Hsinbo sub-township in Myitkyina District in Kachin State on 1 November.

It was attended by township level departmental heads, staff and farmers. The model farmland yielded 109 baskets per acre of paddy. —Kyemon
New Yorkers’ easier commute for post-storm progress

New York, 13 Nov—Millions of New York City commuters, whose routines were upended by superstorm Sandy, kicked off the work week on Monday with a slightly smoother trip thanks to light holiday traffic, restoration of some train lines and an opening of the final tunnel shut by historic flooding.

Two weeks after the storm, tens of thousands of homes and businesses in the hardest-hit sections of New York and New Jersey remained without electricity, but most residents affected elsewhere were powered up.

On Long Island, where some 56,000 homes and businesses remained without service on Monday afternoon, the New York state-owned Long Island Power Authority said it expects to restore power to most of those able to receive it by the end of Tuesday.

LIPA said up to 17,500 customers in Nassau and Suffolk and 29,000 in the Rockaways in New York City were unable to receive power safely because severe flooding may have damaged electrical panels, wires, outlets and appliances.

Even with the lights on, some homes remained without phone, Internet and TV service due to damaged equipment and were brought down by the deadly storm.

At least 121 people perished in the storm, which caused an estimated $50 billion in property damage and economic losses and ranks as one of the most destructive natural disasters to hit the US Northeast.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said he plans to ask the federal government for a supplemental appropriation of $30 billion in disaster aid — on top of reimbursements expected from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for out-of-pocket emergency expenditures.

The money would pay for infrastructure costs, housing needs, costs to local governments, and business losses, while helping with the long-term economic recovery in New York City, Long Island and other devastated parts of the state, he said.

“The damage here is much more severe than just the out-of-pocket expense,” Cuomo told a news conference. “This was cataclysmic for New York, and I think it is a wise investment for the federal government to help us to build this economy back.”

President Barack Obama is to visit the city’s disaster areas on Thursday.

Meanwhile, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg joined with City Council Speaker Christine Quinn and city Comptroller John Liu to announce an emergency capital appropriation of $500 million to repair public schools and hospitals.

Bloomberg said in a news conference that while the city will seek federal reimbursements for its expenditures, it was moving ahead without any guarantees of repayment.

“Our city has never experienced a storm as destructive as Hurricane Sandy, and funding for these repairs is as necessary as it is urgent,” Bloomberg said.—Reuters

US to soon determine post-2014 troop presence in Afghanistan

Washington, 13 Nov—The United States will determine in the next several weeks how many troops it will keep in Afghanistan as part of a residual force following the drawdown of most combat forces at the end of 2014, Defence Secretary Leon Panetta said on Monday.

Panetta said the top US and NATO commander in Afghanistan, General John Allen, had submitted several recommendations for an enduring presence which were being reviewed by the Pentagon and White House.

“My hope is that we’ll be able to complete this process in the next few weeks,” Panetta told reporters flying with him to Australia. “I’m confident that we’ll be able to get to the right number that we’re going to need for the post-2014 enduring presence.”

Panetta explained that the different options took into consideration the different types of missions for US forces in the post-2014 period, including counter-terrorism, training Afghan forces and advising them.

“All of those are being carefully reviewed,” Panetta said.—Reuters

Taliban still a threat to Pakistani security, particularly in northwest

Islamabad, 13 Nov—Despite setbacks that they suffered from Pakistani security forces, the Pakistani Taliban have continued their target killings in the country’s northwest, assasinating at least two leaders of peace committees and dozens of civilians in the latest wave of violent attacks.

An anti-Taliban leader was shot dead in northwestern Lower Dir District in the first week of this month. Abdul Rehman was a prominent member of a pro-government militia in the area. He had survived two previous attempts on his life.

A day later, at least five people were killed in a Taliban suicide bombing in Buner District, which is situated near Swat valley. A local anti-Taliban peace committee, Fateh Khan, was among those killed.

There were two more target attacks in the region in recent days. The Taliban spokesman Sirajuddin claimed responsibility for the four attacks in Pakistan in text messages to the media persons.

He said that the slain leaders were ‘‘hurdlers in the way of Islamic system and were behind the murder and arrest of Taliban militants’’.—Xinhua

Syria opposition seeks support; Israeli fires from Golan

Beirut, 13 Nov—Syria’s newly named opposition leader, a soft-spoken cleric backed by Washington and the Gulf Arab states, launched his quest on Monday for international recognition as a government-in-waiting to topple President Bashar al-Assad.

In a sign of the danger that the civil war could spread across Syria’s borders, Israeli forces said they fired ‘‘direct hits’’ on Syrian artillery in response to a mortar strike into the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. Western and Arab enemies of President Assad have backed the creation of a new Syrian National Coalition for Opposition and Revolutionary Forces can finally unite a fractious and ineffective opposition.

The Arab League welcomed the formation of the new body, called on other opposition groups to join it and described it as ‘‘a legitimate representative and a primary negotiator’’, but fell short of calling it the new authority in Syria.

Shooting across the line that divides Syria from the Israeli-occupied Golan was just the latest spillover of violence that has alarmed neighbours including Turkey and Lebanon. Rebels and opposition politicians formed Alkhatib’s new opposition coalition after days of wrangling in Qatar under intense US and Qatari pressure. Backers hope the new body will give rebels inside Syria more clout and reassure religious and ethnic minorities, after a Syrian National Council (SNC) made up mainly of exiled Israelis proved ineffective as the main opposition voice.—Reuters
Google’s Android finally earns respect with developers

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 Nov — The mobile video game Kingdoms at War is popular with owners of Apple Inc’s iPhone and Google Inc’s Android smartphones alike. But for the game’s maker, there is a very important difference — it earns more than double the money on iPhones and iPads than it does on Android devices.

The disparity is a weakness for Android, which has emerged as the world’s most widespread mobile operating system, but has long suffered second-class status among software app developers who prefer the prestige, higher revenue potential and uniformity of Apple’s rival platform. But app developers say that is changing fast.

Just three years after Google and partners from Samsung Electronics Co Ltd to HTC Corp launched a fast-growing mobile gadget market, Android is coming into its own with an improved built-in payment system, a growing fleet of high-end devices and a redesigned appstore. That translates into increasing revenue for apps developers.

“When Android first launched, we didn’t even really consider going on Android,” said Wilkins Chung, the co-founder of Thinking Ape, which makes the Kingdoms at War app. “Now it’s at the point where it makes business sense to invest more resources on Android and try to get there faster. Even though we monetize less, it’s still a significant amount of revenue.”

Smule, another mobile app developer, released its first Android app this Spring, roughly a year after the iOS version appeared, and in July the company launched an app on both Android and iOS simultaneously. Next year, Smule hopes to launch all its new apps on both platforms at the same time, said General Manager Prerna Gupta.

The monetization level of the Android apps is not as good as it is on Apple’s iOS, she conceded, but added: “We’ve been pleasantly surprised.” A prospering network of quality app developers is critical for Android as competition among Google, Apple, Aamazon.Com Inc and Microsoft Corp in the fast-growing mobile gadget market heats up.

Eye-catching design and top-notch hardware components are key selling points for smartphones and tablets, but vibrant digital apps and content are becoming equally essential to a product’s overall appeal.

“Clearly it’s gone from being a device war only, to being an app system battle,” said Richard Wong, a partner at venture capital firm Accel Partners, which has invested in Rovio, the maker of the hit mobile video game Angry Birds. — Reuters

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Chinese survey team looks for rare white-flag dolphins

WASHINGTON, 13 Nov — Scientists who are conducting a survey of endangered finless porpoises on the Yangtze River on M onday that they also hope to find white-flag dolphins, a native species that was declared extinct in 2007. The survey team, who started its research on Sunday, reached a white-flag dolphin nature reserve in central China’s Hubei Province on Monday.

“It is not possible to find white-flag dolphins on the Yangtze River. It’s one of the main goals of our survey,” said Wang Ding, head of the survey team. — Reuters

RIM to introduce new BlackBerry 10 devices on 30 January

NEW YORK, 13 Nov — Research In Motion Ltd plans to introduce its new line of BlackBerry 10 smartphones on 30 January, the company said on Monday, giving investors a measure of confidence the long-awaited device is approaching the finish line.

The Waterloo, Ontario-based company, a one-time pioneer in the smartphone industry, is betting its future on the new line of products, which will be powered by its new BlackBerry 10 operating system. RIM has struggled over the last two years as its devices lost ground to snazzier and faster smartphones such as Apple Inc’s iPhone and Samsung Electronics Co Ltd’s Galaxy line. In a brief statement, RIM said the twice-delayed devices will be launched simultaneously in multiple countries. It will introduce two BlackBerry 10 smartphones, along with the platform that powers them at the event.

While it is clearly an uphill battle for RIM given the recent launch of the iPhone 5 device and the aggressive marketing dollars being pushed toward Windows 8, we view it as a modest positive that a date is now officially set for the launch of the new BlackBerry 10 devices, Wells Fargo analyst Jennifer Fitzschke wrote in a note to clients.

RIM has said it plans initially to roll-out touchscreen devices, Phones with the mini QWERTY keyboards that many long-time BlackBerry users rave about will come a few weeks later, while lower-end versions of both devices will be launched later in the year. The company did not say when the devices will be available in stores. That will be announced at the event.

Evercore Partners analyst Mark Mck ephin believes the BB 10 devices will be available within two to four weeks of the launch event, but some believe Peter M isek of Jefferies expects the devices to go on sale only in March. RIM’s nasdaq-listed shares were up 3.2 percent at $8.62 in late afternoon trading on Monday. Its Toronto-listed shares rose nearly 3 percent to C$8.81.

US Titan supercomputer

the Department’s Oak Ridge National Laboratory, has been named the world’s fastest supercomputer. Ten times more powerful than its predecessor, the Jaguar system, Titan will provide unprecedented power to accelerate scientific discoveries using technologies first developed for video game systems like X box 360 and PlayStation 3.

It achieved 17.59 Petaflops ( quadrillions of calculations per second) on the Linpack benchmark test — the specific application that is used to rank supercomputers on the Top500 list. “The nation that leads the world in high-performance computing will have an enormous competitive advantage across a broad range of sectors, including national defence, science and medicine, energy production,” said Chu in a statement. “Titan joins the Department’s top-ranking supercomputers in equipping our nation’s researchers with the tools needed to keep the United States on the cutting edge of innovation.”

Microsoft’s Surface tablet has “modest” start

PARIS, 13 Nov — Microsoft Corp’s new Surface tablet — its challenge to Apple Inc’s iPad — has sold out in the United States, as early sales beat expectations.

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“There is still the possibility of finding one or two white-flag dolphins on the Yangtze. We are looking forward to a miracle,” said Wang Kexiu, deputy head of the survey team. — Reuters

Android mascots are lined up in the demonstration area at the Google I/O Developers Conference in the Moscone Center in San Francisco, California, on 10 May, 2011. — Reuters

Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer is silhouetted against a video screen during his presentation of the new Surface in Los Angeles, California, on 18 June, 2012. — Reuters

The exterior of one of the Research In Motion Limited (RIM) buildings is shown in Waterloo on 10 July, 2012. — Reuters

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Tokyo, 13 Nov — Japan’s economy shrank in the September quarter for the first time since last year, adding to signs that slowing global growth and tensions with China are nudging the world’s third-largest economy into recession. The 0.9 percent fall in GDP was in line with expectations, although a decline in capital expenditure was much steeper than forecast. Sony Corp and Panasonic Corp have slashed spending plans to cope with massive losses as they struggle against competing markets and a strong yen. The fall in GDP translated into an annualized rate of decline of 3.5 percent, government data showed on Monday. While US growth showed a modest pick up in the third quarter, Japan and the euro zone economies are struggling. “The GDP data confirms that the economy has fallen into a recession,” said Tatsushi Shikano, senior economist at BNP Paribas UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities in Tokyo. “It is set for a second straight quarter of contraction in the current quarter.” A recession is commonly defined as two consecutive quarters of contraction.

The data will keep the Bank of Japan under pressure to boost monetary stimulus even as it eased policy in October for the second straight month as a strong yen and a territorial row with China add to the impact on exports of the global slowdown. Many analysts expect the BOJ to leave policy unchanged at its December meeting, though analysts see the chance of a policy shift at the next meeting due to the sensitivity of the yen.

A Hyundai logo is seen on a car at the Paris Mondial de 1’Automobile, on 28 Sept, 2012.— Reuters

Workers unload a container from a cargo ship at a port in Tokyo on 12 Nov, 2012.— Reuters

Next-day discharge after C-section may be okay

New York, 12 Nov — Some women who deliver their babies by cesarean section may be able to check out of the hospital the next day without raising their risk of problems, according to a Mayanian study. The study, which appeared in the journal Obstetrics & Gynecology, looked at 360 women in Malaysia, who were randomly assigned to go home either one or two days after having a C-section. Both groups were equally satisfied with their care, and the women who were discharged sooner seemed to have no more problems with breastfeeding or mental well-being.

New York, 13 Nov — Babies given acetaminophen for fevers and aches may have a heightened risk of asthma symptoms in their preschool years, according to a Danish study published in the journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, focused on 411 Danish children and assessed their condition at seven years old. At that point 14 percent of the children were seven years old. At that point 14 percent of the children with asthma, which the authors believed to be risk factors for asthma.

The study included 336 children who were followed from birth to seven ages. A trial with mothers with asthma, which the authors believed to be risk factors for asthma.

Researchers found that the more acetaminophen children who were given, the more likely they were to develop asthma-like symptoms in early childhood. That statistical analysis did not prove that acetaminophen causes asthma, according to senior researcher Hars Bisgaard, a professor of pediatrics at the University of Copenhagen. “We think it is too early to conclude a causal relationship, he told Reuters Health in an email — though he added that the findings should encourage further research into a plausible biological mechanism by which acetaminophen could promote asthma.

The study found that acetaminophen may have been linked to childhood asthma in children who were born with asthma, which the authors believed to be risk factors for asthma.

The link disappeared, though, by the time children were seven years old. That point 14 percent of the children had asthma, and the risk was no greater for those given acetaminophen as babies. Weeding out the specific effects of acetaminophen on asthma is tricky.

The biggest reason is that children with asthma tend to get more severe respiratory infections. Compared to other children, their colds may more often turn into bronchitis or pneumonia, so it would make sense that they’d be given the fever-reducing acetaminophen more often than other children would.
Putin suggests some flexibility on anti-dissent laws

MOSCOW, 13 Nov—Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Monday he was ready to review or move more slowly on a clutch of recent laws that rights campaigners say are aimed at silencing his critics.

Since Putin’s re-election in March, preceded by the largest protests in his 12 years in power, parliament has rushed through laws tightening controls on the Internet, increasing the penalties for defamation and expanding the definition of high treason, among others.

Rights activists and political opponents say Putin has orchestrated the clampdown, and the West has also expressed concern that civil liberties are being rolled back.

“Everything that is taking place here is done for a sole purpose—that of our country being stable. Effective and stable,” Putin told a meeting of the Civil Society and Human Rights Council, his own advisory body. “It cannot be more stable if it is only based on the power of law enforcement and repressive agencies. It will be more stable if society is more collective, effective, responsible, if a bond is established between society, the citizen and the state,” he added, according to RIA news agency.

Putin was heading the first meeting of the council since 39 new members were elected in an online vote to replace prominent rights campaigners who had resigned after his re-election in March.

He told the meeting he was ready to reconsider the law on high treason, which rights campaigners say could mean that any Russian citizen who had contacts with a foreigner could be accused of trying to undermine the state. Putin also offered to rephrase wording in another bill that envisages stiffer punishments for defamation, and said parliament should not rush to adopt a law that would introduce jail sentences for offending religious feelings.

He also said he would “listen” in, at legislation signed in July that requires foreign-funded non-governmental organizations to register as “foreign agents,” saying its main aim was to prevent foreign meddling in Russia’s domestic affairs.

Council members said it was not clear what kind of exceptions, if any, Putin might ultimately make.

“What was that? The way I see it, an attempt to get some sort of feedback on all the laws that have irritated society,” said Irina Khakamada, a member of the Council. “Let’s see what the result will be. I don’t know.”

Russia

Argentina sets deadline for Ghana to release ship

BUENOS AIRES, 13 Nov—Argentina has threatened to bring its dispute with Ghana to an International Court in Germany’s Hamburg if the African country refuses to release its naval ship Libertad by Tuesday.

“The government of Ghana has until tomorrow, Tuesday, to lift its embargo and acknowledge the law of the Sea Treaty,” a Argentine Foreign Minister Hector Timerman told reporters in the capital of Buenos Aires on Monday.

The law exempts the Libertad, as a warship, from being seized, Timerman said.

A Ghanaian court ordered the ship impounded on 2 Oct after it docked in the country’s Tema Port.

Argentina has evacuated most of its sailors aboard by a chartered plane, leaving some 40 behind to operate and maintain the vessel. “All diplomatic means and legal measures available within Ghanaian and international law have been exhausted since the illegal seizure of the frigate Libertad,” said Timerman, adding Argentine officials were already in Hamburg to prepare the case against Ghana.

Meanwhile, Argentine Defence Minister Arturo Puricelli confirmed that Ghana had suspended electricity and water service to the ship days ago.

Last week, Puricelli ordered the ship’s crew to display their regular weapons to prevent Ghanaian officials from moving the ship to another site.

Ghana seized the ship on a claim by US-based private investment fund NML Capital Limited that Argentina owed it 370 million US dollars.

Argentine President Cristina Fernandez has insisted the embargo of the ship is illegitimate, saying Argentina will not negotiate with what she calls “vulture funds.”—Xinhua

Leaders of Central America, Mexico call for hemispheric anti-crime scheme

MEXICO CITY, 13 Nov—Mexican President Felipe Calderon and his Central American counterparts on Monday called for implementation of the Hemispheric Cooperation Scheme Against Transnational Organized Crime to combat organized crime more effectively.

Meeting with Belizean Prime Minister Dean Barrow, Costa Rican President Laura Chinchilla and Honduran President Porfirio Lobo at the presidential office of Los Pinos, Calderon thanked them for their support of the people and government of Mexico over the past few years.

The leaders examined various issues and reviewed the progress made in international cooperation, such as the Mesoamerica Project, a cooperation scheme for health, housing, energy and infrastructure, and the Single Free Trade Agreement, which will boost economic and commercial relations for the benefit of their nations.

He announced the Declaration on the Strengthening of Co-operation against Transnational Organized Crime which, among other key issues, confirms governments’ commitment to tackling and combating this scourge on the basis of the principle of common, shared, different responsibility.

Calderon stressed that transnational organized crime is the “greatest threat currently facing states and societies of our region, especially by violence that it uses to carry out criminal activities.”

It has posed a serious problem for public health, economic growth and development, security, and democratic institutions, he added.

The declaration also confirms the duty of states to implement social policies for the benefit of their societies and to strengthen international co-operation against transnational organized crime and the worldwide problem of drugs, based on an integral, balanced approach that includes actions for preventing, punishing and combating the crime.—Xinhua

Man arrested at Heathrow airport in Syria “terrorist” inquiry

An aircraft comes into land at Heathrow Airport in London on 13 Feb, 2012.—Reuters

LONDON, 13 Nov—Police arrested a 24-year-old man at Heathrow airport on Monday as part of an investigation into people travelling to Syria for “alleged terrorist activity.”

The man, who had arrived in the UK on a plane from Bahrain, was held on suspicion of the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism”, said the force. He was taken to a police station in South London for questioning by officers from Counter Terrorism Command, the police added in a statement.

A British police officer Aymen al-Zawari last month called on Muslims to join the rebellion against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, according to the SITE monitoring service.

Islamist militant groups have played an increasingly significant role in the fighting. British police arrested a man and a woman at Heathrow last month as part of similar investigations into travel to Syria. A 26-year-old man was charged on 16 October. The woman was released without charge.—Reuters

Congress comes back Tuesday to confront “fiscal cliff”

WASHINGTON, 13 Nov—Amid a global fright over Washington’s political brinkmanship, US lawmakers return on Tuesday with a seven-week deadline to reach agreement on scheduled tax hikes and budget cuts that threaten to trigger another recession.

The post-election battle over the so-called fiscal cliff is shaping up as an extension of the political campaign with Democrats trying to rally support for raising taxes on the wealthy as part of any deal, and Republicans countering that such an approach would devastate “job creators” across the country.

President Barack Obama has scheduled high-profile White House meetings with business, civic and labour leaders in advance of a summit set for Friday of top Republicans and Democrats in Congress.

Republican leaders, among them former vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan, have planned their own round of television appearances and news conferences to make their case.

Both sides generally agree on the need to avoid the jolt of $600 billion in draconian deficit-reduction measures they all agreed to in August 2011.

They also agree on a need for long-term deficit reduction and revisions of the tax code.

Reuters
Online charging, convergent billing systems inspected

**YANGON, 13 Nov—**Union Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Thein Tun visited Hanthawady Information Technology and Auto-Telephone Exchange on 10 November and Bahan and Ahtlon Exchanges on 11 November.

He inspected linkage of Internet with foreign countries, convenient application of ASDL users, collection of bills for auto-phone users through online, functions of online charging system for GSM mobile phones and convergent bill system for CDMA.

Telephone users may contact Daw Tin Nwe Moe (AE, Tel: 093100001), Daw Khin Phyo (SE, Tel: 0950-21010) with regard to GSM mobile phone bills, U Thant Zin Htwe (AE, Tel: 0997500010) and U Aung Ko Aung (SE, Tel: 09850001) for CDMA A and U Zaw Min Oo (SE, Tel: 095421077) for auto-phone.

**MNA**

Air-conditioners in high demand

**YANGON, 13 Nov—**In the hot season, sales of air-conditioners are in high demand. “At the time when temperature is higher and higher, air-conditioner is marketable. Demands of the air-conditioner are higher not only in the branches of the shops in Yangon but also in Mandalay and Magway,” said an owner of the shop.

People prefer to buy one or one and a half HP air-conditioners worth about K 300,000.— Myanma Alinn

Traffic dangers for students at school hours

**BHARO, 13 Nov—**Four Basic Education High Schools, three BEMSs and many BEPSs are located in Bharo.

School hours of all the basic education schools are designated from 9 am to 1 pm and 12 noon and 3 pm.

Recently, a schoolchild was dead in car accident. Therefore, parents and students are worrying about traffic accidents on the roads in front of Basic Education members of industrial zone supervisory committee and management committee reviewed the discussions. Myanma Alinn

Old and damaged service cables substituted

**MYITKYINA, 13 Nov—**Workers and technicians of Buga Electricity Supply Co supervised by Kachin State Superintending Engineer U Than Tint of Kachin State Electricity Supply Enterprise substituted the old service cables with new ones in wards of Myitkyina as of 6 November.

Electricity Supply Enterprise informs the people about danger of old and damaged service cables and urged them to use new cables. Myanma Alinn

Foodstuffs, clothes donated to fire victims

**NAWKGHO, 13 Nov—**Well wishers from Nawkgho Township donated K 1,350,000, clothes, mosquito nets, blankets and foodstuffs worth K 970,000 to the fire victims of Namsham and Mabein where a fire broke out on 2 November and personal goods, foodstuffs and K 700,000 to the victims of Mabin Township on 10 November.

At the office of Kyaukme District General Administration Department, Leader of the relief work committee U Tin Oo (Staff Officer (Head of Cooperate Co Department) presented donations to Township Administrator U Aung Ko Ko.— Myanma Alinn

Engine blast of express bus wounds passenger

**YANGON, 13 Nov—**A blast occurred at engine of an express bus of Shwemanthu Highway Bus Line that will leave for Pathein from Hlinethaya Highway Bus Terminal at 8.30 am on 7 November.

At present, the long-term plan is being implemented to develop the basketball sport. The team is striving for securing medal in the coming SEA Games. As a problem, the players from countryside cannot spend long time training period in Yangon. So, the best players could not be capped. Tentatively selected basketball players have been under training at the camp since May 2012.

Coaches U Sein Win and Daw Khin Mar Cho are giving training to the players. The coaches from the US will arrive here in 2013. Myanma Alinn

Asian Youth U-17 Weightlifting Championship concludes

**YANGON, 13 Nov—**The Asian U-17 and junior U-20 Weightlifting Championships hosted by Myanmar under the supervision of Asian Weightlifting Federation continued at Thelbyun Gymnasium on 9 November.

May Zin Oo stood fourth in the women’s 44-kilo class. Kay Khaing two silver in the women’s 46-kilo class, My Phyo Moetwo silver in the women’s 53-kilo class, Soe Sando two bronze in the women’s 58-kilo class and Moo Thuzu three gold medals in the women’s 63-kilo class.

Min Min secured one bronze in the men’s youth 56-kilo class.

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**Buddha Image-carving ceremony held**

_Nay Pyi Taw, 13 Nov_—A ceremony to carve the teak into Buddha Images that will be kept at Shwedagon Replica Pagoda in Indonesia was held at Myitta Uyin in Mingalardon Township, Yangon Region on 11 November morning.

It was attended by Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint and wife. First members of Sangha sprinkled scented water on the teak that will be carved into Buddha Images and sculptors started their works.

Next, the Union minister and officials accepted K 18.95 million and US$ 300 donated by the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and family and wellwishers.—MNA

**Temple damaged by earthquake, renovation sooner or later**

_Nay Pyi Taw, 13 Nov_—Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu inspected the earthquake-hit ancient pagodas in Inwa area as Sagaing and Mandalay Regions were hit by an earthquake on 11 November.

Maha Aungmyay Bonsan Monastery (Me Nu building) built in the time of King Bagyidaw (1822), one of the ancient edifices and Layhtetgyi pagoda were partially damaged by the earthquake. The Union Minister urged the deputy director-general of the Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library and officials to renovate the ancient edifices, keeping remains unchanged traditional style.—MNA

**Mechanized farming more beneficial, says chief minister**

_Nay Pyi Taw, 13 Nov_—Mechanized farming could generate more profit, Aye Myint Kyu said at the coordination meeting for development of the region yesterday.

Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint said the ministry would provide commercial cow and goat breeders with technologies and capital.

Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun said the Union government would work together with the region government for development of the region. He said utility services offered to the people must satisfy the demand.

The Union ministers and the chief minister visited farms in Nyaungdon Township.—MNA

**Green growth, green economy to promise job opportunities**

_Nay Pyi Taw, 13 Nov_—The 48th International Tropical Timber Council-ITTC was held in Hokohama in Japan from 5th to 10th November. Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun attended and delivered the meeting. He’s saying that Myanmar signed ITTA, 2006 agreement and is making concerted efforts in focusing sustainable forest development and management of the environment as well as implementing the ITTO’s platform in conformity with local situation. Myanmar is also taking part in the areas of collecting data on timber extraction and trading and sharing information and development of wood-based industry. Myanmar is going to start Capacity Building for Development REDD+ Activities in the Context of Sustainable Forest Management.

Green development and green economy, a new development policy of Myanmar, will promise the jobopportunities The Union Minister met Mr Takaaki Iwaki, Deputy Governor of the Government of Kochi in Japan on 5 November and he visited Makino Botanical Garden Herbarium of Kochi on 6 November.

On 7 and 8 November, the Union Minister held talks with heads of government administrative bodies of Japan and responsible persons of JICA, ITTO and DAIO Paper Co., Ltd. He then viewed electric power plant used by waste wood materials and solar system buildings. On 10 November, he held discussion with US representative in the meeting.—MNA
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Sustainability of economic development through green economy has become more and more important as economic relations between Myanmar and foreign countries were in good shape while they were making arrangements to invest in industrial sector and other businesses and some were in here making investments. If the nation was not on the track to green development, natural resources would be depleted soon and the way we chose would be widely blamed by next generation for depletion of natural resources. It was required with environmental conservation. All citizens had already been urged to actively participate in the environmental conservation works.

The government raised the awareness of environmental conservation, acknowledging the active participation of private sector and urging them to cooperate with the government. Environmental Conservation Law was promulgated in 2012 and the Ministry of Forestry was reconstituted as the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry. Only cooperation through pragmatic efforts based on declarations, directives and pledges to avoid the ways of social and economic development that could deplete natural resources. Myanmar firmly pledged to implement the tasks of economic development in parallel and decisions, could develop efficiency and effectiveness. Governments of each and every country make investments in green economy based on decisions made in the meetings led by the United Nations. In doing so, investments should be made till green economy saw remarkable progress.

He would like to urge panel of chairs and co-chairs to supervise the whole meeting to be able to produce good outcomes. Transformation of green development from national to international levels called for aid and sustainable development and he believed that practical processes and good results would emerge in the meeting.

The Vice-President said he would like to praise the GEGG, the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development for organizing the forum and make a wish for the success of the forum and emergence of good outcomes inspired by every one.

Next, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham posed for a documentary photo together with the Union ministers and those present.

Then Chairman of GEGG U Thein Tun and scholars spoke on the occasion.

In his speech, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun said that the world nations were striving for economic growth with the increased use of natural resources and environment; that it could be seen in developing countries; that sustainability of economic growth should be not only for today’s generation but for next generation.

According to the agenda, officials read out their papers respectively.

Also present at the forum together with the Vice-President were Union ministers, deputy ministers, members of environmental conservation, the Vice-Chairman of ADB, representatives of Norwegian and Swedish governments, resident representatives of UN agencies, representatives of international organizations, departments heads and guests.

The second Green Economy and Green Growth Forum will be held up to 15 November.

KCC donates broadcasting machines to MRTV

Nay Pyi Taw, 13 Nov — A ceremony to donate broadcasting machines by Korea Communications Commission (KCC) of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information, took place at MRTV in Nay Pyi Taw.

Before the ceremony, KCC Vice-Chairman Mr Kim Daehee and Deputy Minister for Information U Paik Htway extended greetings. After that, the deputy minister accepted broadcasting machines handed over by the KCC Vice-Chairman and presented the gift.

At the ceremony, KCC Vice-Chairman held a discussion on broadcasting programme. KCC’s content management system machines is worth USD 240,000.

Knowledge Exchange Program course for senior officers opened

Nay Pyi Taw, 13 Nov — The opening ceremony of Knowledge Exchange Program course for senior officers, jointly organized by the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and Nanyang Center for Public Administration (NCPA), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), was held at the Ministry, here, at 9.30 am today, with an address by Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Khin San Yi. Also present at the ceremony were the senior officers of the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Ministry of Cooperatives, the Ministry of Industry, the Ministry of Rail Transportation, the Ministry of Construction, the Ministry of Electrical Power, the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, the Ministry of Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Education...
Coord meeting on purchase of rice reserve held

In his speech at a work coordination meeting on purchase of rice reserve held by the government held at Directorate of Trade this morning, Union Minister U Win Myint said that purchase of rice reserve was carried out in accord with the guidance given by the President, aiming at helping farmers gain proceeds to a wider extent and ensure cost efficiency as rice price had gone down in 2011 monsoon paddy harvest season; that the cooperation between Myanmar and World Intellectual Property Organization were discussed during the meeting.—MNA

Shwe Platform Topside sailed away

The ceremony was also attended stakeholders in Shwe natural gas project including CEO of Daewoo Company Mr D H Lee. The deputy minister then viewed round the offshore fabrication yard.

On 8 November, the deputy minister met Senior Vice- President Dr S Y Yang of Daewoo International Corporation and discussed matters related to prevention of leakage of natural gas and pollution.

The deputy minister and party stayed in South Korea on 4-9 November.

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Swedish Prime Minister attends NIR Forum on Responsible Business and CSR

YANGON, 13 Nov — Prime Minister of Sweden Mr Fredrik Reinfeldt and party attended the NIR Forum on Responsible Business and CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) was held in Parkroyal Hotel here at 11 am today.

Mr Erik Belfrage, President of International Council of Swedish Industry (NIR) extended greetings and the forum was opened with key-note address by Mr Fredrik Reinfeldt, Prime Minister of Sweden.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Hset Aung and Commerce Minister of Sweden Dr Ewa Bjor Ling delivered addresses. During the forum, the paper on the Global Compact in Myanmar was presented by Prof Dr Ewa Bjor Ling, Director Sustainability, LM Ericsson, CSR in Myanmar and the Role of the CSR-Center of the UMFCCI by Representative of the CSR-Center Joint General-Secretary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Commerce and Industry U Moekyaw, the Responsible Business and Financing by Deputy Director-General M’s Anne Abrahamson from the EKN—the Swedish Export Credits Guarantee Board.

The Swedish delegation led by Prime Minister Mr Fredrik Reinfeldt visited the Shwedagon Pagoda at noon. The delegation left here by special flight and they were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Win Aung and officials, Ambassador of Sweden to Myanmar Mr Klas Molin and embassy staff.

A forum on economic cooperation between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and industrialists from Sweden was also held at the Parkroyal Hotel at 9 am today.

During the forum, Myanmar business side was led by President of the UMFCCI U Win Aung while Swedish side was led by Dr Ewa Bjor Ling, Commerce Minister of Sweden and comprised with members of NIR and industrialists.

MNA
China sells jetliners, may spur Eastern revival

**NEW YORK, 13 Nov—** China announced 50 new orders for its new C919 passenger jet at the opening of the country's main air show on Tuesday and looked set to assist in the rebirth of one of the most famous names in aviation—defunct US carrier Eastern Air Lines.

The dozens of new orders for China's first large commercial passenger jet were seen dominating the first day of the China Airshow, held every two years in the southern city of Zhuhai, along with fresh evidence of China's military ambitions.

General Electric (GE.N) which co-produces the engines, will buy 10 more, taking its total order for the plane to 20, COMAC said in a statement.

Other potential C919 customers that have already signed tentative agreements include Irish low-cost carrier Ryanair (RYA.I) and British Airways (IAG.L) according to COMAC.

COMAC also confirmed it would sign a provision agreement with investors representing Eastern Air Lines, which went bankrupt in 1991. There have been sporadic reports of efforts to relaunch the airline, whose forked logo was seen on the streets to protest against the company.

However, it may take some time before the aircraft, due to make its maiden flight in 2014, proves its viability.

The C919 is designed to challenge Airbus (EAD.PA) and Boeing (BA.N) in the biggest segment of the $100 billion annual jetliner market.

Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC) said on Tuesday it would sign orders for 20 aircraft each with Joy Air and Hebei Aviation Group, confirming a Reuters report of buying interest from the two Chinese regional carriers.

Its only foreign customer GECAS, a unit of General Electric, said it was considering the order for the C919 for delivery in 2017.

Snowstorms weaken in NE China

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The blizzards, which left up to 80 cm thick snow in Heilongjiang Province and 15 cm in Jilin Province by 5 am, are expected to gradually weaken in the next 24 hours, the center said.

The NMC continued to issue a blue alert on snowstorms, which are expected to persist in Jilin’s central parts and Heilongjiang’s central and eastern parts over the next 24 hours.

A cold front from west to east is expected to bring strong winds and a drop in temperature from four to eight degrees Celsius across most parts of the country, the centre said.

Affecting the cold front, rain and heavy snow will fall in northern parts of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. Temperatures will drop by up to 12 degrees Celsius in Xinjiang, eastern parts of northeast China as well as central and northern parts of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, it said.—Xinhua

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Three bomb explosions kill seven in Syria's southern province

**Damascus, 13 Nov—** Three car bombs went off in the southern province of Daraa early Saturday, killing at least seven people and causing huge material and building damage, the state-run SANA news agency said.

Quoting an official source, SANA said the first bomb rocked the crowded al-Mubal al-street, the second rattled the Panorama roundabout, and the third tore through the Finance Directorate in Daraa.

SANA said the third bomb was rigged with a large amount of anti-tank mines, some of which didn't go off during the blast.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights claimed the Daraa explosions killed scores of government soldiers. But such a claim was impossible to be verified.

Meanwhile, an explosive-laden car went off in Damascus' Jad almula District, injuring nine people, according to state media.

Tadmun has seen intense fighting between government troops and armed militias over the past several months. A militia group fired a hand-made rocket at the George K houri square in Damascus, hitting a residential bloc and injuring two young girls, one of whom was in grave condition, state media said.

The George K houri Square is located in al-Qasa District dwellled mostly by Christians. Furthermore, armed men fired a mortar shell that landed on a private clinic at al-Tuliani area in central Damascus, leaving material damage, the pro-government al-Ekhbaria TV said.

As the blasts kept rattling the country, activists reported intense clashes between government troops and armed militias in a number of other areas. The oppositional L local Coordination Committee's network placed the death toll of Saturday's violence at 107 nationwide. The figure couldn't be checked independently.

Explosions have become increasingly common and almost daily occurrences in Syria, particularly in Damascus.

The United Nations has recently warned that the number of affected people who are in need of humanitarian aid could increase from 2.5 million to 4 million by early next year if violence continues unabated.

**Bosnia's Radmanovic assumes chairman of presidency**

**Sarajevo, 13 Nov—** Nebojsa Radmanovic on Saturday assumed Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) with a tenure of eight months, in accordance with the rotation principle.

The rotation takes place on the basis of Article 5 of the Constitution, in conjunction with Article 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the presidency, according to the Office of Public Affairs of BiH Presidency.

Under the Constitution, the presidency consists of three members, coming from three constituent peoples: one Bosniak and one Croat elected from the Federation of BiH and one elected from Republika Srpska.

Together they serve a four-year term, where the member with the most votes becomes the chairman unless he or she was the incumbent chairman at the time of election.

The chairmanship rotates every eight months, in accordance with the rotation.

New York reads for Veterans Day as region struggles

**New York, 13 Nov—** New York City was preparing to stage its first major event since cancelling its annual marathon as thousands of victims of Superstorm Sandy continued to struggle with power outages, gasoline shortages and freezing weather conditions.

Sunday's annual Veterans Day Parade is expected to attract crowds of over 600,000 people to central Manhattan and will be a test for a city still struggling to clean up after one of the worst natural disasters in the region's history.

Thousands were in temporary shelters, and in New Jersey a tent city on the edge of Monmouth Park racetrack was home to hundreds. Authorities in the region said they did not have access to enough alternative housing or hotel rooms for all those who have been displaced.

Sandy smashed into the East Coast on 29 October. killing at least 120 people and causing an estimated $50 billion in damages and economic losses. It destroyed homes along the New Jersey Shore and around New York City, cut off electricity for millions of people and knocked out much of the public transportation system.

Newly re-elected President Barack Obama is to visit hard-hit areas of New York City on Thursday. Obama put off an earlier visit at the request of Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who feared it could hinder relief efforts. Bloomberg announced a day of service on Saturday and hundreds of volunteers helped stricken areas of the city.

New York City borough hit hardest by the storm, the sense of total material loss has settled in and residents were preparing their homes for demolition.

**US**

A man and his dog stand in the middle of a road in the Rockaway Beach neighborhood of Queens, New York, on 10 November 2012.

**Reuters**

**New Light of Myanmar**

Two visitors pick CDs in a music lounge of the Tianjin Library in north China's Tianjin Municipality, on 10 Nov, 2012. A music lounge where visitors can choose from a pool of CDs is now available at the Tianjin Library. The lounge is part of a music library scheduled to officially open in early 2013. The music library, when fully completed, will also include a training center, a music database for in-depth appreciation, a professional recording room and a reading zone.

**Xinhua**

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Lama Cering Duanzhi walks in a corridor at the Qutan Temple in Ledu County, northwest China's Qinghai Province, on 10 Nov, 2012.

**Xinhua**

**New York readies for Veterans Day as region struggles**

**US**

**New York, 13 Nov—** New York City was preparing to stage its first major event since cancelling its annual marathon as thousands of victims of Superstorm Sandy continued to struggle with power outages, gasoline shortages and freezing weather conditions.

Sunday’s annual Veterans Day Parade is expected to attract crowds of over 600,000 people to central Manhattan and will be a test for a city still struggling to clean up after one of the worst natural disasters in the region’s history.

Thousands were in temporary shelters, and in New Jersey a tent city on the edge of Monmouth Park racetrack was home to hundreds. Authorities in the region said they did not have access to enough alternative housing or hotel rooms for all those who have been displaced.

Sandy smashed into the East Coast on 29 October, killing at least 120 people and causing an estimated $50 billion in damages and economic losses. It destroyed homes along the New Jersey Shore and around New York City, cut off electricity for millions of people and knocked out much of the public transportation system.

Newly re-elected President Barack Obama is to visit hard-hit areas of New York City on Thursday. Obama put off an earlier visit at the request of Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who feared it could hinder relief efforts. Bloomberg announced a day of service on Saturday and hundreds of volunteers helped stricken areas of the city.

New York City borough hit hardest by the storm, the sense of total material loss has settled in and residents were preparing their homes for demolition.

**Reuters**
**New Delhi, 13 Nov —** Lindsay Lohan has booked a new interview just days after pulling out of a planned sit-down with Barbara Walters. The 26-year-old actress—who cancelled her appearance on ’20/20’ on the advice of her new PR team Rogers & Cowan amid recent allegations of lying to police about a car accident in June and public spats with her parents—has now agreed to appear on the ’The Tonight Show With Jay Leno’ on 20 November.

The interview will focus entirely on the troubled starlet’s new Lifetime movie Liz & Dick about Elizabeth Taylor rather than her personal life, according to OK! Magazine. Barbara is said to have been “disappointed” that Lindsay cancelled their interview.

**“Back to 1942” debuts at Rome film festival**

*ROME, 13 Nov—* Chinese director Feng Xiaogang’s movie “Back to 1942” made its debut at the 7th Rome International Film Festival on Sunday and is competing for top award.

Starring Oscar-winning actor Adrien Brody and American actress Zoe Saldana, the epic film presents a tragedy of the devastating famine in China’s central Henan Province in 1942. The film’s director said he picked this moment in history because the tragic drought of that year claimed about 3 million lives, about half as many as the Jews slaughtered in World War II.

At a cost of 210 million yuan (about 33.6 million US dollars), the film depicts the darkness and warmth of humanity, scriptwriter Liu Zhenyun said.—*Xinhua*

**Lindsay Lohan books Jay Leno interview after cancelling Barbara Walters**

Barbara would ask her about current legal troubles so felt they had no choice but to cancel the interview which was originally scheduled to take place next Friday (16.11.12). The insider said: “Barbara was going to try and get Lindsay to talk about all of the drama in her personal life, including the possible upcoming charges for lying to the cops after her car accident, and Lindsay isn’t ready to talk about anything.

“Barbara is one of the most respected journalists in the industry and she wasn’t going to let Lindsay get away with telling any lies or spinning the story, so Lindsay’s team couldn’t let her go on the show and have it end up like Dina’s disastrous interview with Dr Phil.”

However, Lindsay considers Barbara a close friend and is said to be sorry to have cancelled so close to the interview date and has promised Barbara they will reschedule as soon as possible.

**Anne Hathaway reveals oatmeal paste diet for ‘Les Miserables’**

Anne Hathaway credits a strict diet of dried oatmeal paste for her role in the forthcoming big screen musical “Les Miserables.”

“I had to be obsessive about it — the idea was to look near death,” Hathaway told Vogue about preparing for her role as the consumptive prostitute Fantine in the musical version of Victor Hugo’s classic 19th century French novel.

Hathaway, 30, told the December edition of the magazine, that she first lost 10 pounds (5 kg) to begin filming and then later dropped another 15 pounds (7 kg) by eating nothing but two thin pieces of oatmeal paste a day. “Looking back on the whole experience— and I don’t judge it in any way—it was definitely a little nuts,” said “The Dark Knight Rises” actress. “It was definitely a break with reality, but I think that’s who Fantine is anyway.”

**Romance about comfort, not chemistry: Shah Rukh Khan**

Shah Rukh Khan is considering the ‘King of Romance’ in Bollywood, but unlike many who believe that romancing on screen is about chemistry, the superstar says it is all about comfort.

The 47-year-old, who has delivered hit romantic movies with actresses like Kajol, Rani Mukerji and Kareena Kapoor, says romance is more than just songs.

“Romance is not just about songs. Comfort is needed when you do romantic films. For me it’s not about chemistry, it’s about comfort,” he added.

**Country music star George Jones begins farewell tour**

Country music legend George Jones has embarked on his final tour, the singer’s spokesman said on Monday Jones, 81, whose near six-decade career is best known for the hits “White Lightning” and “He Stopped Loving Her Today,” is marking the end of an era with a farewell tour called “The Grand Tour,” which is scheduled to finish in November 2013 in Nashville, Tennessee, the country music capital.

“Afetr this (tour) he’s been with touring,” Jones’ spokesman Jeremy Westby told Reuters.

Jones kicked off the tour last week and the Nashville show is set for 22 Nov, 2013. So far, just 26 performances have been announced, but more dates are expected.

Jones cancelled several concerts in April and May this year after suffering an upper respiratory infection, raising fears for his long-term health.

Westby said that although Jones was ending touring, he hoped to make more records. “He’s been talking about doing another record next year with Dolly (Parton),” he said.

Jones earned the nickname “No-Show Jones” at the peak of his success in the 1970s for famously missing several live performances because of drunkenness. The Country Music Hall of Fame gave him up drinking after a 1999 car accident.— Reuters
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**Baseball**

**Toronto, 13 Nov** — Los Angeles Angels centre fielder Mike Trout and Washington Nationals Bryce Harper were crowned Major League Baseball’s rookies of the year on Monday. Trout was the unanimous winner of the American League award, sweeping all 28 first place votes, while Harper won a close race for the National League award. The 21-year-old Trout led the AL in steals (49) and runs scored (129) while batting .326 with 30 home runs and 83 RBIs. Oakland Athletics outfielder Yoenis Cespedes was a distant second while Texas Rangers pitcher Yu Darvish was third. Voting was conducted by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America. There could be more honours in store for Trout before the end of the week. Not only was Trout’s season one of the best ever by a rookie, the centre fielder is also a candidate for the AL most valuable player, which will be announced on Thursday. “He is playing to his potential,” Angels manager Mike Scioscia told MLB.com. “And when a player does that at such a young age, you want him to come out there and just continue to do what he’s doing this year for a long time. I think that’s what’s exciting about seeing him continue to develop.” Harper also had a brilliant rookie campaign but the 20-year-old faced some stiff competition for the NL award from Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Wade Miley who picked up 12 first-place ballots to finish a close second. Harper finished with 112 points while Miley collected 103. A versatile talent who played all three outfield positions, Harper batted .270 with 22 home runs, 30 RBIs, 56 walks and 18 stolen bases in 139 games. “Upon joining us, Bryce’s simpatico line-up and defensive alignment was immediate and came at a great time of need,” Mike Rizzo, Nationals general manager and executive vice president of baseball operations said in a statement. “His sustained energy and enthusiasm throughout the summer played a big part in fulfilling our division title.”

**Reuters**

**Baseball**

Los Angeles Angels’ Mike Trout gets ready to play against the Texas Rangers in their MLB baseball game in Anaheim, California on 20 Sept, 2012. — Reuters

Los Angeles Angels’ Mike Trout wins the Vordon Trophy on Monday. The 25-year-old finished with 100 points while Trout ended the year starring down at his rivals after grinding down Roger Federer to win the ATP World Tour Finals title in brutal fashion at London’s O2 Arena on Monday. The 25-year-old showed speed and blood before dethroning Federer 7-6, 7-5 in a showdown that provided a memorable climax to an incredible men’s season.

Since winning a fifth grand slam title at the Australian Open in a near-six-hour epic against Rafa Nadal back in January, Djokovic’s reign has come under attack from both Federer and Britain’s Andy Murray, but after beating both in London he’s clearly still the dominant force going into 2013. World number two Federer has been all but unbeatable in the tournament since it switched to London in 2009 and was seeking a hat-trick of titles at the eye-catching Thames-side dome.

With the majority of the 17,000 crowd cheering for the Swiss maestro he forged healthy leads in both sets with some typical brilliance but was eventually stopped in his tracks by the Serb. Djokovic, who had lost his last two meetings with the 17-times grand slam champion and trailed 16-1 in career meetings dating back to 2006, found himself 3-0 down after eight minutes and then faced a 5-3 deficit in the second.

Both times Djokovic dug deep, reeled in the Swiss stylist, then hammered him into submission to seal victory in two hours 14 minutes. “I’ve experienced my aggressivity (sic) before, really trying to make his mark on the match,” Djokovic told reporters. “I tried to convince myself that I will turn it around again. I managed to deliver my best when I needed it most.” — Reuters

**Reuters**

**Baseball**

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**NFL**

**Bills running back Jackson sidelined by a concussion**

**Los Angeles, 13 Nov** — Buffalo Bills running back Fred Jackson has been ruled out of Thursday’s game against the Miami Dolphins after being diagnosed with concussion, the National Football League team said on Monday. Jackson was hurt after being struck in the back of the head with an elbow by linebacker Brandon Spikes late in Sunday’s 37-31 loss to the New England Patriots.

“They tested this morning were not as good as we had hoped and he (Jackson) had hoped so he won’t play this week,” Bills head coach Chan Gailey told reporters. “It does make a difference. “You have to make certain adjustments in a short week. The good things...we have enough (backup) that we can go into a game with without Fred and have enough to be able to keep people off-balance.”

In the absence of Jackson, Gailey said CJ Spiller would handle most of the running back duties while Tashard Choice would also get “lots of opportunities”.

“He (Choice) is a dynamic player to say the least,” Gailey added. — Reuters

**Reuters**

**Golf**

Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland is congratulated by officials after he finished the final round of the Barclays Singapore Open golf tournament in Sentosa on 11 Nov, 2012. — Reuters

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**Focus Myanmar TV Programme**

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**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**

1. 7:15 am
   1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

2. 7:25 am
   2. Dhamu Puja Song

3. 7:30 am
   3. To Be Healthy Exercise

4. 7:40 am
   4. Nice & Sweet Song

5. 8:00 am
   5. Cultural Dances

6. 8:15 am
   6. Teleplay (Health)

7. 8:40 am
   7. International News

8. 4:05 pm
   8. Musical Programme

9. 4:15 pm
   9. Dance of National Races

10. 4:25 pm
    10. Classical Song

11. 4:35 pm
    11. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures)

12. - Third Year (Public Policy)
    12. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

13. 5:20 pm
    13. International Science News

14. 5:30 pm
    14. ASEAN “Programmes”

15. 6:35 pm
    15. Documentary

16. 7:35 pm
    16. Alinka Wat Yi Music Troupe (Part-1)

17. 8:00 pm
    17. International News

18. 8:15 pm
    18. Weather Report

19. 20:00 pm
    19. TV Drama Series

20. 21:00 pm
    20. Myanmar Video

**MYANMAR TV**

-The month filled with various celestial bodies, the night when plants have medicinal property

- News
- Evergreen Classical Music (Part-2)
- News
- My Journey on a bike & boat
- News
- Myanmar Biggest Trade Fair & Car Exhibition
- MIRACLE Post Media Production House
- Myanmar Movie “Dream House”

**Wiring Contest on 24 November**

**NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—** Jointly organized by Myanmar Engineering Society and Thakusa Foreign Employment Agency and Technical School, the third wiring contest will be held at the training school in Hmimetha Township at 9 am on 24 November.

The first winner will secure K 300,000, the second K 200,000 and the third K 100,000. Those wishing to take part in the contest may submit the applications, not later than 23 November.

For further information, contact Thakusa Foreign Employment Agency, Tel: 386877 and 39223. The contest is aimed at improving skills of Myanmar workers. Myannalinn

**Soccer**

**Allegri to stay, confirms AC Milan**

**Massimiliano Allegri**

**MIlan, 13 Nov—** AC Milan club Vice President Adriano Galliani confirmed on Monday that Massimiliano Allegri will stay as the Rossoneri head coach despite their dismal loss to Fiorentina at home on Sunday.

Allegri’s job was again placed into doubt following the 3-1 home loss — their sixth in 12 Serie A games. “It is obvious that we are not happy,” said Galliani.

“We evaluated everything last night and changing the coach wouldn’t have given us any guarantees,” “Silvio Berlusconi and I had a long talk last night and then we called Allegri around midnight and told him that we have faith in him. We have confirmed Allegri as the coach of Milan. He has done well in the past two years and this is the decision we have made,” he said.

Xinhua

**Lakers pick D’Antoni, not Jackson, as new coach**

**Los Angeles, 13 Nov—** With most of their fans demanding the return of Phil Jackson, the Los Angeles Lakers sprang a surprise on Monday by naming former Phoenix Suns and New York Knicks coach Mike D’Antoni to replace Mike Brown.

Hall of Fame coach Jackson, the 11-time NBA championship winner, had been widely expected to come out of retirement to lead the Lakers for a third time but the Lakers instead opted for the offense-minded D’Antoni.

According to local media, D’Antoni, 61, has signed a three-year deal for $12 million, with the Lakers holding an option for a fourth year. Jackson, heavily favoured to get the job, met with Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak and executive vice president Jim Buss on Saturday.

Though contractual terms were not discussed, he said, he told them he would make a final decision on Monday. Before that could happen, though, Kupchak phoned Jackson at midnight on Sunday to inform him that D’Antoni had been appointed instead.

“He told me that the Lakers had signed Mike D’Antoni to a three-year agreement and that they felt he was the best coach for the team,” Jackson said in a statement.

“The decision is of course theirs to make. I am gratified by the goodwill of support from the Lake fans who encouraged my return and it is the principal reason why I considered the possibility.”

Jackson, 67, compiled a 1,155-485 record in 20 NBA seasons, winning six NBA titles with the Chicago Bulls followed by five more in two separate stints with the Lakers. D’Antoni, who is known for his fast-paced offense-oriented system, had a 388-339 record as head coach of the Denver Nuggets, the Suns and the Knicks.

“After speaking with several excellent and well-qualified coaching candidates, (Lakers owner) Dr. (Jerry) Buss, Jim and I agreed that Mike was the right person at this time to lead the Lakers forward,” Kupchak said in a statement.

“Knowing his style of play and given the current make-up of our roster, we feel Mike is a great fit, are excited to have him as our next head coach and hope he will help our team reach its full potential.”

D’Antoni is expected to be formally introduced as the 24th Lakers head coach later this week, though he has not yet been cleared to fly after having knee replacement surgery earlier this month.

Reuters

**Tokyo, 13 Nov—** Japan will host a meeting of the Japan-Russia Intergovernmental Committee on Trade and Economic Issues on 20 Nov, with Japanese Foreign Minister Koichiro Gemba and Russian First Deputy Prime Minister Igor Shuvalov jointly chairing the session.

Gemba said on Tuesday.

“Noting that bilateral trade, which he said amounted to a record $30.7 billion in value last year, has the potential to grow much more, Gemba told reporters that he wants to help Japanese firms build confidence in Russian markets.”

He said that during the upcoming meeting, “I intend to exchange opinions on the possibility of cooperation between Japan and Russia on a wide range of issues, such as cooperation in the (Russian) Far East and Siberia, energy and energy conservation.”

Reuters
Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives WIPO Director-General

Nay Pyi Taw, 13 Nov—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a delegation led by Director-General of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Mr Francis Gurry, at the Credentials hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 3 pm today.

At the call, both sides cordially exchanged views on progress of Myanmar and WIPO’s cooperation in the Myanmar’s reform processes.

Also present at the call together with the Vice-President were Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo, Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw, U Ye Htet and U Myo Aung and departmental heads.

MNA

Rural electricity supply discussed

Nay Pyi Taw, 13 Nov—Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe paid a visit to Japan on 29 October evening at the invitation of the Japanese Minister of Economic, Commercial and Industry.

On 30 October, the Union Minister met with Japanese Minister of Economic, Commercial and Industry Mr Yukio Edano at the Credentials hall of the WIPO. They discussed major repairing and development of electric sector in Myanmar.

On 31 October, the Union Minister visited Isogo power plant in Y okohama that can generate 1200 megawatts by applying clean coal technology, 500-KV Shin-Toyosu under-ground power station that supplies electricity to Tokyo and Tokyo power control station.—MNA

Myanmar tapestry becomes attraction of tourists

Nay Pyi Taw, 13 Nov—Due to arrival of tourists in Myanmar, tapestry works of Myanmar produced in Mandalay are marketable.

Embroidery works are Myanmar traditional handicrafts that flourished in Mandalay, A marapura and Sagaing in the past. The tapestry art does not fade out till today and the works is now flourishing in Mandalay, A marapura and Sagaing in the past.

Mandalay. Tapestry expert U Sein M yint of Mandalay explained the market of the tapestry works. Embroidery works are on sales in the tourist destinations such as Yangon, Mandalay, Chan State, Myitkyina and other major cities. Tapestry works are made of jewellery items. Due to market demand, the industries produce hats, bags, waste coats, neckties, toys, key chains, telephone cases and embroidery paintings.

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Donations invited for repair of damaged pagodas, religious edifices, schools and houses in quake

Nay Pyi Taw, 13 Nov—A strong earthquake at 7 hours 42 minutes and 37 seconds on 11 November, 2012, devastated religious edifices, schools, houses, offices and construction sites and caused casualties in Sagaing, Shwebo, Kyaukmyaung, K hi nlu, Mandalay, A marapura, Singu, K yaukse and Thabeikkyin Townships in Sagaing and Mandalay Regions. The Union government is taking rescue and rehabilitation measures at full throttle. Donations of individuals or civil societies are welcomed as the government handles responsibility to repair the damaged pagodas and religious edifices.

Similarly, the government will accept donations from well wishers, civil societies, NGOs and INGOs at home and abroad to repair the damaged schools, hospitals, dispensaries, houses and public buildings. The prospective contributors may contact the following numbers:-

(a) Nay Pyi Taw
   - Ministry of Culture
     Contact Person: U Kyaw Oo Lwin (Director-General)
     Ph: 067-408038/0949202141
     Archaeology, National M useum and Library Department
   - Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
     Contact Person: U Soe Aung (Director-General)
     Ph: 067-404060/0986000225
     Relief and Resettlement Department
   - Ministry of Religious Affairs
     Contact Person: U Khi n Maung Win (Director)
     Ph: 067-406001/067-406013

(b) Yangon Region
   - Relief and Resettlement Department
     Contact Person: U Thein Htay Aung (Deputy Director)
     Head of Yangon Region Department, Ky aikwaing Pagoda street, Yangon.
     Ph: 01-661812/01-522726/0986011664
   - Ministry of Religious Affairs
     Contact Person: U Soe Min Tun (Director)
     Ph: 067-661275/09-5001475
     Relief and Resettlement Department

(c) Sagaing Region
   - Sagaing Region Government
     Contact Person: U Min Lwin (Deputy Director)
     Ph: 071-24170/092044695

(d) Mandalay Region
   - Mandalay Region Government
     Contact Person: U Kyaw M yint (Director)
     Ph: 02-369113/098500909
     Mandalay Region Government
     Ph: 02-369220/0947130103
     Ministry of Religious Affairs
     Contact Person: U Kyaw Sein Win (Director)
     Ph: 02-61113/092000732

4.8 M earthquake jolts about 35 miles south of Nay Pyi Taw

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Nov—An earthquake with a magnitude of 4.8 on the Richter Scale struck about 188 miles south of Mandalay Seismological Station and about 35 miles south of Nay Pyi Taw and 14 miles west of Swa at 8:23 am today.—MNA

Untimely rainfall warning

Nay Pyi Taw, 13 Nov—According to the observations at 9.30 hrs MST today, due to the influence of easterly wave, rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated to scatter in Mandalay, M gayaw, B argo, A ye wadya and Yangon Regions, Shan, Khinshin, Kayah and Kayin States within next 72 hours commencing this noon.

Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 m.p.h, announced by M eteoro logic and Hydrology Department.

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