President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo together with officials of Bansomdejchaopraya Rajabhat University (BSRU) at honorary doctorate degree presentation ceremony.—MNA

Professor Ponlasit Noochoochal of BSRU said in citation: Southeast Asian countries gear forward to ASEAN Community in 2015 which all the sectors are strategically and systematically fine tuning the cutting-edge circum-stances. As part of the region, the country’s vital reformation in the political, economical and social aspects.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Kingdom of Thailand are inevitably encountering the new challenge. U Thein Sein, the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, is one of the most influential leaders in ASEAN countries effortfully conducting the cooperation to aggrandize the region advancement stability. The Council of Bansomdejchaopraya Rajabhat University has unanimously agreed to award the Honourable Doctorate Degree on Technology Management to President U Thein Sein.

The President said in his words of thanks: I would like to first of all wish you “Mingalabar” and a very Good Afternoon, I am very grateful to the Chairman of the University Council, Prof. Dr. Prayong Jutha for presenting me the Degree of Honorary Doctor of Philosophy in technology Management. I regard this honorary degree as recognition for the strenuous efforts we have made regarding the democratic transformation and the development of the State. Our citizens are laying a unique historic milestone of transition. We are marching to the democratic goal but we are yet to reach our development target.

We have to make great effort in the future to transform these differences into different kinds of forces for our nation. We need to strive in order that our people have the practical benefit of people-centred reforms laid down by the government.

A new political culture has been introduced to the people to have sustainable development and fair democracy. However, we still need to train our people to have higher capability as society as a whole so that these practices will become traditions and customs.

In observing the present situation, it is found capacity building is necessary in every sector of our country. Nation building and capacity building should be carried out simultaneously as improvements need to be made in different sectors (See page 7)
Central Level English Impromptu Talks Competition for undergraduates of University/Degree Colleges-Colleges continues

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Jan — The Ministry of Education organized the Central Level English Impromptu Talks Competition for students of university, degree colleges and colleges for 2012-2013 academic year with the aim of improving spoken English skill of university students at Nay Pyi Taw City Hall yesterday morning, addressed by Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye.

The University minister called for promotion of integrated skills in learning English language to be able to contact with developed countries and improvement in spoken English skill for primary students.

The Union minister continued that a panel of judges formed with five native speakers will assess at the central level competition. Thanks to the competitions, participants would gain further experiences to be able to take part in international level contests, he added.

The fifteen post-graduate level participants and sixteen under-graduate level participants competed at the English impromptu talks and they responded the queries raised by the foreign judges.

Spousal quarrel causes house fire in Kayan Township

MYANMAR, 23 Jan — Kayan Police Station filed a lawsuit against a man for committing an arson attack in O-wa village of Kayan Township at about 12.45 am on 17 January.

Naing Win, 34, of the village set fire to his own house while having a quarrel with his wife, Ma Lat Lat Swe, leaving the house burnt to the ground.

Fuel bowser overturns on Zalun-Hinthada road

ZALUN, 23 Jan — A fuel bowser skidded out of control and overturned near Thayetchaung village on Zalun Township of Ayeyawady Region on Zalun-Hinthada road at about 2.30 am on 15 January.

The bowser oil carrying 2000 gallons of diesel and 800 gallons of octane driven by Soe Thein plunged down the embankment at the place between mile post Nos (10.5) and (10/6) on Zalun-Hinthada road while on its way to a fuel station in Hinthada. The driver and his colleague fled the incident.

Investigation into the road accident is underway and driver So Thein and his colleague Michael were still at large.

Rising tide capsizes motorized boat in Hline River

YANGON, 23 Jan — According to an information that a motorized boat capsized and sunk near No (1) pontoon bridge in the Hline river at about 4:30 pm on 16 January, Police Sub-inspector Thet Ko Ko Maung and party rushed to the scene.

Ngwein Toe motorized boat steered by Mya Nyein of Danubyu Township of Ayeyawady Region capsized and sunk while trying to start its journey against the rising tide. Eleven passengers and Mya Nyein escaped from the sinking boat without injuries, but commodities worth K 50 million on the boat were destroyed.

Bayintnaung Police Station filed a lawsuit against the helmsman.

Motorist escapes death in road accident in Myanaung Township

MYANAUNG, 23 Jan — A motorbike plunged down into the 20-foot deep Kyaukpyu creek conduit which is under repair at a place between mile post Nos (109/0) and (110/0) near Hmyinwayon village.

Shortly after the incident, villagers tried to rescue them from it. Zaw Myo Htet got no injured, but the motorist was wounded on his face.

Car crash in Kalaw Township

MYANAUNG, 23 Jan — A car crash between the two trucks occurred on the road between Yay Yaungma and Wetpyu villages in Kalaw Township at about 5 am on 15 January. A twelve-wheeled Nissan truck driven by Nyein Chan Moe, 25, of Shwepyitha Township of Yangon Region veered out of control and collided a head-on with a stationary twelve-wheeled truck by road accident in the Kanyingse Village of Ingapu Township.

Smuggling illegal hardwood seized in Kyaukme

KYAUKME, 23 Jan — According to a tip-off that illegal timber logs were being smuggled into the neighbouring country, a combined force led by Assistant Director U Kyaw Myo Htwe of Kyaukme District Forest Department under the supervision of Kyaukme District Deputy Commissioner U Soe Naing and the head of district Police Force seized 59.184 tons of illegal hardwood worth K 100 million while conducting a search of a twelve-wheeled truck at Kyaukme Asia World Tollgate on Mandalay-Muse Union Highway at about 7 am on 19 January.
Top US commander in Afghanistan cleared in Pentagon inquiry

WASHINGTON, 23 Jan—General John Allen, the commander of US and NATO forces in Afghanistan, was cleared by Pentagon investigators of allegations of professional misconduct over email exchanges with a Florida socialite, US officials said on Tuesday.

The decision by the Defence Department’s Inspector General helps lift a cloud that has hung over Allen, who married and has two daughters, even since he became indirectly ensnared in the scandal that forced David Petraeus to resign as CIA Director in November.

It could also reassure the four-star general’s military colleagues—although a US official told Reuters that, as of late Tuesday, no decision had been made on whether to proceed with Allen’s nomination to become the top US military commander in Europe.

President Barack Obama put that nomination on hold when the investigation was announced in November, even as he expressed confidence in Allen’s ability to see out the final months of his command in Afghanistan.

“With the investigation having only recently concluded, no decisions have been made on moving the nomination forward,” the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Bolivia’s president says Venezuela’s Chavez in therapy, eyes return

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WASHINGTON, 23 Jan—The White House on Tuesday said they welcomed the House Republicans’ proposal of a short-term extension of debt limit and the President would sign the bill if it could reach his desk.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said in a news briefing that US President Barack Obama would prefer a long-term raising of the debt limit, but the GOP’s shift from their hard-line stance was “certainly something that we welcome.”

“We want to see the debt ceiling sort of removed from the process of the very important debates that we have over what we pay for, how much revenue we bring in, how we get our fiscal house in order,” said Carney.

“What happened…was a very significant development in terms of de-escalating the sense of conflict over this.”

While cautioning that the bill has to overcome some concerns expressed by members of the House and the Senate before it can pass both chambers and reach the President’s desk, Carney said Obama would not stand in the way of the bill becoming law.

The United States has already reached its 16.4-trillion-dollar debt limit, and the Treasury Department has said it could run out of extraordinary measures to pay the government bills by mid-February.

Top Republican lawmakers said on Friday that the House would vote on a bill this week to extend the nation’s borrowing authority by three months in order to force the Senate to pass a budget to cut government outlays.

They have backed down from the demand that any debt ceiling increase be accompanied by comparable spending cuts.

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Scientists convene to study impact of Gulf of Mexico oil spill

HOUSTON, 23 Jan—More than 1,000 scientists and public officials gathered Monday in the US state of Louisiana to review the short and long-term effects of the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The conference was kicked off by Thad Allen, the federal government’s former national incident commander during the BP oil spill in 2010. Allen discussed his experience in coordinating oil spill responses and what research was needed to improve the response from a management perspective.

Allen even though the US government and industry attempted to clear some scientific issues likely to be raised during a major oil spill response, sometimes those efforts were not as ad- equate, such as the approval of dispersants and the use of burning oil as much as possible from reaching the shoreline, Allen said. Responders also were ill-equipped to deal with health issues, ranging from concerns about the quality of testing to seafood safety, to the suicide of an Alabama boat captain participating in the Vessel of Opportunity program, he added.

To overcome many of these problems, Allen suggested the Oil Pollution Act and other laws be changed to develop a more unified structure that could work across legal and political boundaries. Allen also recommend- ed scientific information collected before and during the response be released to the public, in order to avoid misunderstanding about the effects on the environment or public health.

During the three-day conference, hundreds of scientific presentations will be made, ranging from socio-economic effects of the oil spill to developments in dispersant science and technol- ogy. A public forum was planned for Tuesday on the gulf’s ecosystems and pros- pects for recovery.

The 2010 blowout of BP’s Macondo well in the Gulf of Mexico triggered an explosion that killed 11 rig workers and released the worst oil spill in US his- tory.—Xinhua

Samsung’s T9000 smart refrigerator runs on Andriod, includes apps like Evernote and Epicurious

MUMBAI, 23 Jan—Refrigerators are getting smart. A new model released earlier this month runs apps to help users browse recipes, create shopping lists and manage the expiration dates of items like yogurt and milk.

The T9000 refriger- ator by electronics company Samsung has a 10-inch Wi-Fi-enabled touchscreen and includes apps such as Epic- curious for recipes and Ever- note for note-taking. “The fridge, because it’s

the hub of the family and the kitchen, is now another ac- cess point without having to drag around your tablet or have your phone with you in the vicinity of where you’re cooking or entertaining,” said Warner Doell, a vice president in the home appli- ance division at Samsung Canada.

The display enables users to keep up with the news, weather and even Twitter from the fridge door. It can also replace hand-written calendars with Google Cal- endar integration, and run slideshows of photos, ac- cording to Doell.

Shopping lists can be created on the fridge with the Evernote app, which will automatically log, users simply

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the public, in order to avoid misunderstanding about the effects on your computer,” they said.

Another option uses a ‘smartcard-embedded finger ring’ to authorise a new computer via a tap on the computer, even in situations in which your phone might be without cell- lular connectivity,” the team writes.

“One option uses a tiny USB key called a YubiKey. When the user plugs the key into a laptop, they are auto- matically logged into all of their Google accounts - without ever having to type in a password,” they explain.

The firm is also believed to be addressing the obvious problem with the system users losing their ‘key’ and is thought to be developing a simple system to replace them.

However, the pair ad- mit that they will have to rely on websites to support the scheme. “Others have tried similar approaches but achieved little success in the consumer world,” they write.

“Although we recognise that our initiative will likely remain speculative until we’ve proven large scale ac- ceptance, we’re eager to test it with other websites,” they say.—PTI

Google to kill passwords and bring physical keys embedded with smart chips

NEW DELHI, 23 Jan—Google is set to kill off passwords and is ex- perimenting with USB keys, mobile phones and even jew- elry that can act as a physical ‘key’ to give users access to their account.

The firm’s security ex- pertise including an Indian are set to publish their findings next month, the ‘Daily Mail’ reported.

In the upcoming issue of IEEE Security & Privacy magazine, Google Vice President of Security Eric Grosse and engineer Mayank Upadhyay will detail what is being done to test a ‘smart chip’ embedded in- side it.

Along with many in the industry, we feel passwords and simple bearer tokens such as cookies are no longer sufficient to keep users safe,” the pair write in their paper, according to Wired.

“Users are going to place the tiny Universal Seri- al Bus (USB) drive into their computer. The firm is also believed to be experimenting with wireless chips that are already built into some mo- bile phones, and can even be built in jewelry. ‘We’d like your smartphone or smart- card-embedded finger ring to authorise a new computer via a tap on the computer, even in situations in which your

Tokyo, 23 Jan—Japa- nese telecom giant NTT DoCoMo has officially an- nounced the LG Optimus G Pro smartphone as the com- pany’s next flagship device. The smartphone launched as part of the company’s Spring 2013 line-up will be avail- able in Japan, starting April. Launch details for other countries remains unknown as of now.

The specifications of the device are pretty much in line with what we reported a day ago, courtesy an online slide leak featuring the device.

The Optimus G Pro L- 04E features a 5-inch full- HD (1920x1080) display and comes with Android 4.1.2 Jelly Bean out of the box. It houses a 13-megapixel rear camera and a 2.4-megapixel front camera.

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LG’s Optimus G seems to be doing pretty well with company recently revealing that it sold 1 million units since its debut a couple of months ago as reported by Yonhap News Agency.

Recent rumours suggest LG is planning to launch another full-HD smartphone in the first quarter of 2013. Codenamed ‘GK’, the de- vice is expected to feature a 5.5-inch screen and run on a quad-core processor.

Government to auction 700Mhz spectrum for 4G services in 2014

NEW DELHI, 23 Jan—The government on Mon- day said it will auction spectrum in 700Mhz band, which is used for offering high-speed Internet servic- es through fourth genera- tion technologies, in 2014.

“We are going to auc- tion the 700 band in any case by 2014,” Telecom Min- ister Kapil Sibal said during the commissioning of country’s first lab for measuring specific absorp- tion rate (SAR) for mobile handsets.

The 700Mhz spectrum band ranges from 698Mhz to 806Mhz and has been identified by the Interna- tional Telecommunication Union for telecom services. “We have set up a lab in the country so that mobile phones can be tested here for electromagnetic radiations,” Sibal said.

He added more such labs will be set up across the country starting with Mumbai. The Telecommu- nication Engineering Centre SAR lab, which has been commissioned at a cost of Rs. 2.5 crore, is the first lab in the country for independent audit of SAR measurements.

The lab is also capable of making measurement of SAR value against the Interna- tional Commission on non-ionising Radio Protec- tion (ICNIRP) limit of 2 Watt per kg measured over 10 gram of tissue as well as the recently adopted 1.6 Watt per kg measured over 1 gm of tissue. Sibal also commissioned a Next Gen- eration Network (NGN) lab in TEC, which serves the objectives of testing and certification as well as net- work related study for any Internet Protocol (IP) based equipment.—PTI

This is a mobile device that could work across legal and political boundaries.
BEIJING, 23 Jan — China, the world’s largest steel producer, aims to bring around 60 percent of total steel capacity under the control of its top 10 steel mills by 2015 as part of a wide-ranging plan to restructure its industries.

The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) announced on Tuesday it would encourage big state firms to acquire smaller rivals in a variety of industrial sectors, including automobile and machinery manufacturing as well as agriculture, metals and cement.

It said it would also seek to bring 90 percent of automobile production under the control of its top 10 firms by the end of 2015 as well as 90 percent of aluminium production capacity. The government also plans to cut the number of firms involved in the exploitation, smelting and separation of rare earths over the next three years.

Around half of China’s total steel capacity is now owned by the 10 biggest steel firms following previous restructuring programmes, but Beijing has struggled to overcome obstructions and red tape from local bureaucracies, or change the economic incentives that have allowed small and private mills to thrive.

"It is still quite difficult to consolidate and the key reason remains the local governments — they remain big supporters of steel mills," said Henry Liu, head of commodity research at Mirae Asset Securities in Hong Kong.—Reuters

WASHINGTON, 23 Jan—US electricity regulators are expected to impose a $1.5 million fine as early as Tuesday on a Deutsche Bank AG (DBK Gn.DE) subsidiary over alleged power market manipulation, the Wall Street Journal reported, citing people with knowledge of the matter.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) earlier proposed that the energy-trading arm of Deutsche pay the fine and disgorgement of $123,198 in alleged ill-gotten profits last year, saying it manipulated California power prices. Last week, the FERC requested a further extension in the legal deadline until 22 January amid the ongoing talks.

Deutsche Bank has disputed FERC’s allegation that it manipulated the market by deliberately losing money on physical transactions to profit in derivative markets. The action is part of a larger crackdown by the regulator targeting electricity trading schemes that it says resembles the market manipulations that caused California’s energy crisis more than a decade ago, the Journal said. The agency recently proposed a record $470 million fine on Barclays Plc (BARCL.L) for allegedly manipulating power markets in California and a six-month ban on JPMorgan Chase & Co’s (JPM.N) energy trading arm from some of the US power market. Deutche Bank’s US unit and an FERC spokeswoman could not be reached for comment by Reuters outside regular business hours. —Reuters

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India raises import duty on raw gold to 5 percent

Indonesia foreign direct investment breaks new record in 2012

LONDON, 23 Jan — Shares hit a new 20-month high on Tuesday after Japan’s central bank promised to pump unlimited stimulus into the country’s economy to fight the threat of deflation and generate growth.

The Bank of Japan, which has been under intense political pressure to overcome deflation, hiked its inflation target to 2 percent and said that from 2014 it would adopt an open-ended commitment to buy assets. The move surprised markets, which had expected another incremental increase in its 101 trillion yen ($1.12 trillion) asset-buying and lending programme, though the delay until the easing measures kick in dented the impact and saw the yen edge higher against the dollar. “From 2014 onwards it’s positive ... (but) from now until then, they are not doing anything more aggressive to weaken the yen,” said Roy Teo, an FX strategist for ABN Amro.

Equity markets, particularly in Japan, have come strongly in the run up to Tuesday’s meeting, and the confirmation of the plans was enough to lift the MSCI world index. MIWD-00000PUS 0.15 percent to a fresh 20-month high of 552.54.

European shares, which have been testing two-year highs in recent days, saw a more subdued start as investors awaited a cue from US corporate earnings figures later in the day.—Reuters

LONDON, 23 Jan — Introducing laws banning smoking in enclosed public places can lead to swift and dramatic falls in the number of children admitted to hospital suffering asthma attacks, according to a study in England published on Monday.

Researchers at Imperial College London found there was a 12.3 percent fall in hospital admissions for childhood asthma in the first year after laws against smoking in enclosed public places and workplaces came into effect in July 2007. Similar anti-smoking legislation has been introduced in many other countries, including in the United States where it has also been linked to a reduction in childhood asthma emergencies.

“The findings are good news ... and they should encourage countries where public smoking is permitted to consider introducing similar legislation,” said Christopher Millett from Imperial’s school of public health, who led the study.

Asthma affects more than 300 million people worldwide and is the world’s most common chronic illness. Symptoms include wheezing, shortness of breath, coughing and chest tightness. In Britain, it affects one in every 11 children.

Before the ban on smoking in enclosed public places was implemented in England, hospital admissions for children suffering a severe asthma attacks were increasing by 2.2 percent a year, peaking at 26,969 in 2006/2007, the researchers found. That trend reversed immediately after the law came into effect, with lower admission rates among boys and girls of all ages. There were similar reductions among children in wealthy and poor neighborhoods, both in cities and in rural areas. —Reuters

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Smoke-free laws linked to drop in child asthma attacks

Indonesia foreign direct investment breaks new record in 2012

Jakarta, 23 Jan—Indonesia foreign direct investment (FDI) reached new level of 221 trillion rupiah (around 24.6 billion US dollars) during 2012, or 26.07 percent up from previous year of 175.3 trillion rupiah.

Chabib Basri, the Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM) chairman said global economy condition especially in US and euro zone still remains gloomy, and it encourages the flow of foreign investment to come to Indonesia. "Indonesia is still promising due to high economic growth," he said here on Tuesday.

BKPM reported that cumulative investment from January to December 2012 reached 313.3 trillion rupiah, of which 92.2 trillion rupiah came from domestic direct investment (DDI) and 221 trillion rupiah from FDI. "The investment amount hit new historical record," he said.

Five biggest sectors have contributed to FDI achievement in 2012, min- ing sector (4.3 billion US dollars), transport, storage and telecommunication (2.8 billion US dollars), chemical and pharmaceutical industry (2.8 billion US dollars), metal, machinery and electronic industry (2.5 billion US dollars), and motor vehicle and other transport equipment industry (1.8 billion US dollars).

Chabib said natural resources are no longer foreign investors’ favorite due to declining of commodity prices. “They (investors) move to other sectors such as food and transportation,” he said. —Xinhua

Mumbai, 23 Jan — India’s biggest buyer of gold, raised import duty on dore bars and ores to 5 percent from 2 percent, a day after increasing tax on processed yellow metal to 6 percent.

Most of the 100 tonnes of dore imports is consumed by MMTC/MMTC (NS) PAMP and Rajesh Exports(REXP.NS). India’s total annual gold consumption is about 900 tonnes.

Rising import of the yellow metal has been wor- rying the government bat- tling with a record high cur- rent account deficit, which hit its highest of 5.2 percent to the gross domestic pro- duction in the September quar- ter, Reuters

Gold bars are displayed at a gold jewellery shop in Chandigarh on 8 May, 2012.—Reuters
### German soldiers attacked in southern Turkey

**ANKARA, 23 Jan —** Seven German soldiers were attacked on Tuesday in the south of Turkey, where a group of activists who opposes the deployment of a missile defense system in the country, local newspaper *Today's Zaman* reported on its website.

The seven German soldiers are in Iskenderun town of Hatay as part of the NATO mission for deploying the missile system on the Turkish-Syrian border.

The soldiers were besieged on their way to a barracks in the center of Iskenderun by 26 activists from the Turkey Youth Union (TGY), who tried to throw sacks on their heads, said the report.

**The soldiers escaped from the attackers with the help of local people and were not hurt, said the report, adding that they took shelter in a jewelry shop.**

After police arrived at the scene, the soldiers were taken to their hotel by security forces. The group of activists continued to protest and shouted various slogans. “We will not allow Turkey to be the center for attacks in the Middle East. We will not allow American and NATO soldiers to travel freely in this country,” the head of the group said. “Whether it was German or American soldiers whose heads we put sacks on, it does not matter.”

### China expands Yangtze River shipping capacity

**YICHANG, 23 Jan —** The shipping capacity of the Yangtze River, China’s longest, has been vastly expanded as the result of decade-long efforts to dredge and deepen the river, an affiliate of the Ministry of Transport said on Monday.

The river’s main course saw its shipping volume top 1.78 billion tonnes in 2012, four times that of 2003 with an average annual growth rate of 10 percent, said Xiong Xuebin, Director of the Yangtze River Hydrographic Bureau, an institution affiliated with the ministry.

Xiong said the revamped waterway now allows heavier ships to reach the upstream city of Chongqing, even during periods of dry weather.

He said the depth of the river’s 370-km Chongqing-Yibin stretch has been increased to 2.7 meters from the original 1.8 meters.

### Armenia imports more natural gas from Russia in 2012

**YEREVAN, 23 Jan —** The amount of natural gas Armenia imported from Russia saw a rise of 22.3 percent in 2012 compared with 1699.1 million cubic meters in 2011, Armrusgasprom, an Armenian Russian joint gas company, reported recently. The volumes of gas consumption by electrical energy and industrial sectors grew respectively by 23.7 percent and 2 percent, reaching 231.9 and 254.7 million cubic meters accordingly.

### US seeks long prison sentence for man who aided Mumbai plotters

**CHICAGO, 23 Jan —** David Headley, a Pakistani-American who admitted scouting targets for the deadly Islamic militant attacks on Mumbai in 2008 and later testified against the plotters, should face up to 35 years in prison, federal prosecutors said on Tuesday.

A prison term of 30 to 35 years for Headley “strikes a fair and just balance between the despicable nature of his crimes and the significant value of his cooperation,” prosecutors told the judge who is scheduled to sentence Headley on Thursday.

The attacks in Mumbai in November 2008 killed more than 160 people, including six Americans.

Headley pleaded guilty to 12 charges, including conspiracy to bomb places of public use and commit murder. The guilty pleas included plotting an attack on a Danish newspaper.

He was arrested in October 2009 after pleading guilty in March 2010 he has been cooperating with US investigators ever since to avoid the death penalty and in exchange for a pledge that he would not be extradited to India, Pakistan or Denmark.—Reuters

### Armenia pushes for control of peace efforts in war-ravaged eastern DR Congo

KAMPALA, 23 Jan — Chiefs of defence forces from Africa’s Great Lakes region and Southern Africa Development Community met here on Sunday to finalize a military strategy to eliminate negative forces in war torn eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Behind the scene negotiations indicate the intricate situation Africa is in to stay in charge of the peace efforts in eastern DRC after what may be termed as failed international efforts to make the guns silent.

Dr. Salih Muslim, the Pan Africanism and Africa being in charge of its future, Uganda’s Minister of Defence Crispus Kiyonga told the defence chiefs that they must remain united and stick to the continent’s long held view of providing solutions to its problems.

Kiyonga said in the face of regional efforts to end fighting in eastern DRC, there are opposing powers who still want to be in charge of pacifying the mineral rich central African country.

Following the flaring up of fighting in eastern DRC between the government troops and the M23 rebels, the Great Lakes region leaders intervened calling on member states to deploy a 4,000 strong Neutral International Force (NIF).

The force is supposed to fight the various local and foreign rebel groups holed up in the country.

Regional leaders are critical of the UN peacekeeping force in DRC (MONUSCO) accusing it of looking on as hundreds of thousands of Congolese are made homeless and others fleeing to neighbouring Rwanda and Uganda.

They keep citing the example where MONUSCO looked on as the M23 were capturing Goma, the provincial capital of North Kivu.

Kiyonga said behind the door negotiations through the UN system indicate that some world powers are not enthusiastic of the regional efforts to end the crisis.

“We have succeeded to leverage the cooperation of the UN. However if we do not keep our line of thinking firmly this opportunity could be lost. The Chiefs of defence staff must not be found lacking in articulating the most feasible mechanism to ensure that the NIF concept is maintained and command and control and political accountability not lost,” he said.—Xinhua

### Africa pushes for control of peace efforts in war-ravaged eastern DR Congo

### British woman, 56, gets death for smuggling cocaine into Bali

**DENPASAR, 23 Jan**— An Indonesian court sentenced a middle-aged British woman to death on Tuesday for smuggling cocaine worth more than $2.5 million into the resort island of Bali.

Lindsay Sandiford, 56, was found guilty of smuggling 4.8 kg (11 lbs) of the drug hidden in the lining of her suitcase on a flight from Bangkok in May. Sandiford, who was accompanied by a translator, covered her face several times with a head scarf as she listened to the verdict being read out.

### Six soldiers injured in S Philippine ambush

**ZAMBOANGA CITY, 23 Jan** — Six soldiers from the 18th Infantry Battalion were injured following Tuesday’s ambush staged by the combined forces of the Abu Sayyaf and lost command group of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) in southern Philippines.

Local police reported the rebels attacked government troops around 7:55 am, local time in the remote village of Sungkayot, Basilan Province.

The soldiers were on their way to the headquar ters when several rebels pounced on them with automatic gunfire.

The wounded soldiers were rushed to the Camp DRC hospital based inside the military headquarters in this city for treatment.—Xinhua

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### New Komoto protest leader Natsuo Yamaguchi receives flowers upon arrival at a hotel in Beijing on 22 Jan, 2013. Yamaguchi, carrying a letter from Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, was the first senior lawmaker of the new Japanese government to travel to China since its establishment in late December 2012. **KYODO NEWS**
New gas turbine installed at Ahlon power station

YANGON, 23 Jan—Under the plan to meet electricity demand of Yangon in summer in time, one 40 MW Gas Turbine manufactured by GE Co., Ltd of the US arrived at Ahlon power station on 18 January. It was put on the foundation with the help of 200-ton capacity Crane on 22 January. The gas turbine is 80 tons in weight.

Responsible persons of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board, Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and Toyo Thai Public Co., Ltd supervised the installation of gas turbine at the power station.

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Technical workshop on ASEAN Korea Forest Cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Jan—Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and ASEAN Korea Forest Cooperation (AFoCo) jointly organized a technical workshop on ASEAN-Korea forest cooperation at Tongapuri Hotel here this morning, with a speech by Rector of University of Forestry Dr Myint Oo.

ASEAN members and Korea signed an agreement on forestry sector cooperation in Bali, Indonesia in November, 2011. It was a milestone to strengthen cooperation process between ASEAN countries and Korea based on mutual trust. The agreement framework will help speed up implementation in various sectors of environmental conservation. The AFoCo intends to serve as a medium to set up ASIA Forest Cooperation establishment. The seminar will continue till 25 January focusing on technical matters to boost cooperation in national level and sub-national level projects.—MNA

Vice-President U Nyan Tun to attend World Economic Forum

YANGON, 23 Jan—A Myanmar delegation led by Vice-President U Nyan Tun left Yangon yesterday for Davos to attend the World Economic Forum to be held in Davos of Switzerland.

The Myanmar delegation was seen off by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife.

Minister U Myint Swe, region ministers, Swiss Ambassador to Myanmar, charge d’affaires of Swiss Embassy and personnel at Yangon International Airport.

Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Zaw, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Ko Htet Aung were among the delegation members.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and wife host dinner to ROK delegation

YANGON, 23 Jan—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and wife hosted dinner to visiting delegation led by Speaker of National Assembly of the Republic of Korea Mr. KANG Chang-Hee and wife at Thabin Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, yesterday evening.

Together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and wife, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker UKhin Aung Myint, Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Deputy Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Mya Nyin and members of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and Pyithu Hluttaw Committees and Hluttaw representatives attended the dinner.

The visiting delegation was accompanied by ROK Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Kim Hae-Yong.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and the South Korean National Assembly Speaker spoke on the occasion and enjoyed dinner together.

After the dinner, they exchanged gifts and presented bouquets to entertainers.

Next, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and wife and party posed for a documentary photo together with South Korean National Assembly Speaker and wife and party.—MNA

Education promotion, investment in the...

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such as the media, economic system, market-oriented mechanisms and civic organization apart from the three main pillars: legislation, executive, and judiciary. Together with political, economic and social reforms, the efficiency of the people and international aid play a vital role in carrying out tasks for national reconsolidation and development.

Moreover, the educational objectives of the State should meet the needs of national development plans. And the role and future of younger generation of the national races in the process of national reconsolidation must also be taken into account.

Promotion of education is the same as making investment in the future. But it must suit the new economic system of the State which is now being implemented. We must also switch from an economic system in which focus is made on exploitation of natural resources to a new technology-based economic system.

New generation youths are the future of the State. International aid and experiences must be utilized for the purpose of promoting education. Our country is still a developing country. New plans are under way for increasing the education budget with effect from coming fiscal year for the purpose of poverty reduction, development of rural areas and development of the state economy.

Our government has been reforming the higher education sector, and has been carrying out the tasks of education promotion for the practical utilization of vocational subjects. At the same time student-centered approach has been introduced for the reform of basic education sector through negotiations with those involved in basic education. In promoting the participation of the private sector in education, we have encouraged the opening of many private schools by enacting the necessary law. We are striving for all children to complete primary education.

If we study the collaboration with BSRU, it is found that MoU between BSRU and Yangon National University of Arts and Culture under the Ministry of Culture was signed on December 6, 2010. BSRU has sent delegations of Thai students to the Yangon National University of Arts and Culture three times and the Yangon National University of Arts and Culture has sent Myanmar student delegations to BSRU twice in 2010. Moreover, discussions have been made to establish Centres of Excellence with cooperation between Yangon University and Johns Hopkins University in the United States, Mandalay University and Cololnega University of Germany and Dagon University and Calcutta University in India. By doing so, youths will have the opportunity to exchange their experience and well-qualified educated youths will emerge.

In conclusion, as international support for the development of the education sector in Myanmar plays a vital role in the construction, development and maturation of the democratic practices of the State, I would like to request to BSRU for your further collaboration and support for the education sector.

BSRU established in 1896 is universities offerying courses in management and administration. It has become a royal university since 14 June 2004. —MNA

New Light of Myanmar
Effective aids management will develop remote areas

About 700 representatives from donor countries, development partners, international organizations and government officials gathered recently in Nay Pyi Taw for the first time in 50 years to attend Myanmar Development Cooperation Forum which many called a milestone.

Nay Pyi Taw Accord for Effective Development Cooperation was approved at the forum. It was based on five principles embodied in Paris Declaration—Ownership, Alignment, Harmonization, Managing for Result and Mutual Accountability. It also reflects principles in Busan Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation—ownership, focus on results, inclusive development partnerships and transparency and accountability.

As Myanmar has entered the second phase of reforms, it has drafted Framework on Economic and Social Reform and National Comprehensive Development Plan.

Donor countries have pledged US$ 591.86 million in development aid in 2013-2014 fiscal year.

The timing of the forum is perfect. We need to grasp the opportunity while the donor countries are in active mood. Our swift action could lead our country back on the right track.

The government’s thorough handling of foreign aids would play a vital role in development of least-developed corners of the country. Designation of the areas of priority should be seen as landmark and historic event for Myanmar. This forum is being held mainly because the international donors who wish to help and partner with Myanmar in its reform process would like to know the priority sectors and areas in the country’s reform strategy and development plans. With the discussions and presentations made in one and a half day, intended to come up with the Nay Pyi Taw Accord which was envisioned with this intention to ensure effective cooperation between the government and the development partners.

An Opening of this 1st MDCF was attended by President U Thein Sein, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Union Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Economic Ministers from States and Regions, representatives from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, representatives from 57 partner countries (including ambassadors, resident representatives of UN agencies, delegates from ASEAN member countries, representatives from global donor countries, development partners and international organizations), senior officials from respective ministries, civil society, national and international NGOs, and the private sector, altogether 656 participants attended this forum.

In his Opening Address, the President stressed how Myanmar and its partners could build on and deepen the ambitious political and economic changes being introduced in the country to achieve “people-centered development” and how the government has committed to implement changes in line with the Framework for Economic and Social Reform (FESR) and asked partners to help Myanmar advance in its priorities. He also urged government, private sector, civil society organizations and international partners to work together systematically and transparently for Myanmar’s development.

He also highlighted the Three Waves of Reform Development in Myanmar and the positive impacts on international policies towards Myanmar over the past two years, providing a very clear rationale for this

In the past, we lived in a polarised world of nation states, north and south, east and west but today we live in an increasingly globalised world with multiple new partnerships between north and south, east and west and the emphasis is much more on building institutions, democratic governance and policy dialogue. Though we used to live in a fragile world and a fragile international framework, at present, a strong set of global values to build on with the international human rights, human security and social development in priority agenda.

It is obvious to see the multiple private-public partnerships between new actors—civil society, private companies and research institutions. These trends together can create a significantly increased and much more predictable international financing framework for sustainable development in the coming decades. There will be new partners, new models, new approaches which also means that it has to move beyond the endless discussion on historic responsibility. Moreover, the trust, understanding, and cooperation become the prior areas to be achieved.

To take our country forward and build a better and more prosperous future for ourselves and for the generations to come, the several initiatives have been made and the result was that the first Myanmar Development Cooperation Forum was held in Myanmar for the very first and foremost. It was held at the International Convention Center, Nay Pyi Taw on 19 and 20 January 2013, which has been marked

The development partners expressed their appreciation for the excellence of the first two presentations, and congratulated the government on the quality of the FESR and the remarkable progress made so far in reforms.

Twelve interventions highlighted the timeliness of the Forum in considering how to support the reform efforts with increased cooperation. A conducive investment environment, focus on capacity development, regional cooperation, and engagement of all stakeholders by government were highlighted in the interventions. The links between socio-economic development and democracy and the importance of peace as a foundation for progress were also emphasized by several participants.

In this session, the importance of macro-economic stability, fiscal management, agricultural reforms, and development of infrastructure especially energy, as important elements for encouraging private sector development and providing the foundation for poverty reduction have been highlighted. In the session 3, on “Culture of Democracy” was chaired by U Tin Hutt Oo, the Chairman of NESAC. The Presenter was Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing (NESAC) and he expressed on promoting national harmony that responded to the compelling presentation of the complexity and (See page 9)
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The Discussions in this Parallel Session were as useful consultations on how to take forward the strategy of the MDCF. Every session was marked by the spirit of enhancing mutual understanding and openness of exchange. In many cases, this was the first joint meeting between the Government of Myanmar ministries concerned and interested partners, and it served the purpose of starting off the process of critical dialogue. Both sides can build on this experience.

In terms of substance, in many areas, importance and importance was emphasized as the central part of the strategy to address development challenges. The need for further prioritization and sequencing also attached critical common theme, as was the importance of linkages to the FESR initiatives. The following recommendations have been summarized for development work on the ground, tailored to respond to specific challenges and shaped by multi-stakeholder. It is expected this kind of Forum will continue to address critical gaps on development cooperation. It is also expected that it must continue to be practical and forward-looking. It must evolve and focus on international development cooperation to reflect the future role of development cooperation. In this MDCF Forum, the Government also set out its development priorities and reflected in key planning documents currently being prepared, including the Framework for Economic and Social Reforms (FESR) and the National Comprehensive Development Plan (NCDP). Partners also strongly endorsed the Government’s key development strategies, including the creation of “good governance and clean government,” balanced private sector-led growth, and the use of participatory approaches.

The Forum culminated in adoption of the Nay Pyi Taw Accord for Effective Development Cooperation. The Accord presents series of commitments by the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and its international partners to promote transparency, collaboration, and local ownership, with a focus on effective and efficient management of development efforts. An Annual Action Plan would be prepared to advance the Accord and its measures monitored at subsequent meetings.

In conclusion, as an Observer, this kind of Forum is very informative and we are very passionate about our partners. The MDCF Forum also gave ample opportunities to see other stakeholders just that do as well. Lastly, in accordance with the adoption of the Accord and Closing Remarks given by Dr Tin Zaw.

Retrospective view on aid effectiveness and its commitments can be seen through a series of specific implementation measures. The Paris Declaration (2005) lays out a practical, action-oriented roadmap to improve the quality of aid and its impact on development and also establishes a monitoring system to assess commitments made by donors and recipients hold each other accountable for their commitments. Those 5 Principles of Paris Declaration, in fact have gained support across the development community which outlined: ownership; alignment; harmonization; results and mutual accountability. To action approaches for remote areas was also stressed.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets South Korean National Assembly Speaker

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Jan—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received South Korean National Assembly Speaker Mr KANG Chang-Hee at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw complex here yesterday. The meeting focused on economic development and inter-parliamentary friendship.

It was also attended by Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Hluttaw Committee chairs and Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-Yong and officials. MNA

Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets Financial Advisor of City Bank

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Jan—Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa received Financial Advisor Mr. Norberto R. Ong of City Bank of the Philippines and party at Room No (1) of Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Hall, here, on 21 January.

They held comprehensive discussions on sharing the Philippines’ experiences in banking service, basic measures for poverty alleviation, legislation on monetary and banking sector development and assistance by City Bank. Also present at the call were Secretary of Public Accounts Committee U Maung Toe, member of Banks and Monetary Development Committee U Maung Maung Soe, member of Hluttaw Rights Committee U Aung Hsan and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

Workshop on budgeting State-owned enterprises concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Jan—The workshop on budgeting State-owned enterprises continued for second day at Hluttaw Building here this afternoon.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Finance and Legal Affairs Commission U Han Shein, President of First Private Bank Ltd Dr Sein Maung, Ambassador (Retd) U Hla Maung and Professor (Retd) Daw Yi Yi Myint discussed such topics as plans for autonomy of State-owned enterprises, and budgetary principles in political, economic, financial and monetary points of view.

The workshop was attended by Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw, deputy ministers, committee members of two Hluttaws, parliamentarians and departmental heads.

KIA mine explosion on civilian vehicle leaves one injured

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Jan—According to the Ministry of Defence, a landmine planted by the KIA group exploded while a truck loaded with watermelons driving from Mandalay to Muse ran over it at a place between Nam-Um village and Forest Department Office on Muse-Lashio motorway at about 5.30 pm on 22 January. The driver of the mine-hit truck suffered injuries to his left chest and left wrist and he was rushed to Muse Hospital.

The Information Team of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued Press Release (3/2013) on 18 January, the KIA group started to launch attacks on civilian targets on 19 January and the mine blast was the ninth time among the series of attacks. MNA

Mandalay-Myitkyina train schedule change after series of mine blasts

MORENIN, 23 Jan—After a spate of mine blasts on railroads and bridges not only in Mohaing, Mogaung townships in Kachin State but also in Indaw Township in Sagaing Region, departure and arrival time of Mandalay-Myitkyina trains will see a change beginning 25 this month, announced at stations in Kachin State. The new timetable makes the up and down trains to run in daytime within Kachin State, probably to reduce the risks, the locals conclude.

Depending on the types of trains, it takes at least 18 to 22 hours to run from Mandalay to Myitkyina, over 300 miles long route. However, it takes half a day to the whole day to repair a damaged railroad section once a mine blast occurs, says an official.—NLM-001

PC Myanmar (Hong Kong) Ltd, Larsen & Toubro Ltd sign agreement on pipeline, rig construction

YANGON, 23 Jan—A ceremony to sign agreement between PC Myanmar (Hong Kong) Ltd and Larsen & Toubro Ltd on building of infrastructures for offshore rig in the block of Yetagun (North) project developed by PETRONAS was held at Park Royal Hotel, here, this morning. Responsible persons signed agreements and exchanged notes.

Installation of 11 kilometers long underground pipeline and construction of rig are included in the US$ 121 million contract deal. MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives South Korean National Assembly Speaker Mr KANG Chang-Hee.

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22 Jan PE-12 loaded with watermelon and bound for Muse stepped on a mine near Nam Um forest office.
Six dead in S Philippines flooding

MANILA, 23 Jan — Six people died while over 150,000 were displaced by flooding caused by torrential rains in southern Philippines, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) said on Tuesday. The NDRRMC said in its latest report that five of the six fatalities died due to drowning, while one was electrocuted. Six were wounded while four others were missing. The Provinces of Davao del Norte, Compostela Valley, and Davao Oriental as well as the cities of Davao and Taguig were the hardest hit by the flood. Of the 150,521 people displaced by the flooding, the NDRRMC said that about 48,661 of them are now in evacuation centers. A state of emergency has been declared in flood-hit areas.

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The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Energy

Dated: 17th January, 2013

Invitation for bids to conduct Petroleum Operations in Myanmar Onshore Areas (2013)

1. The Ministry of Energy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar hereby announces Invitation of Sealed Bids for Petroleum Operations to be conducted in Myanmar Onshore Areas on production sharing basis.

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3. All interested parties are cordially invited to submit “the Letter of Expression of Interest”, together with Company’s Article of Association (AOA), Memorandum of Association (MOA), Certificate of Incorporation, latest Annual Report and latest Financial Statement (or) Financial Report and Detail Track Record, which are to be endorsed for authenticity by the respective Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the place of Company’s registration or establishment or nearest, in sealed envelopes superscripted “Confidential” “Myanmar Onshore Blocks Second Bidding Round-2013”, to the following address not later than two (2) Months after the date of announcing of this invitation (17th January 2013):-

Director General
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Claims Day Notice

MV Biendong Navigator No. (007)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BIENDONG NAVIGATOR VOY NO (007) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.1.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Shipping Agency Department
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Pakistan PM to formally start consultations for elections

ISLAMABAD, 23 Jan — Pakistan’s ruling party on Tuesday emphasized the Prime Minister to start formal consultations with all political forces on the mode and modalities for holding elections, the PM office said.

The current assemblies will complete its terms in mid-March and parliamentary elections will be held within three months after that. As the elections fever gains momentum, the top leadership of ruling Pakistani People’s Party met in Islamabad on Tuesday and discussed matters relating to the elections.

The meeting carried out an in-depth review of the political situation in the country with focus on the holding of free and fair elections in the country in accordance with the law and Constitution.

The meeting resolved that free and fair elections will be held in accordance with the constitution in a fair and free manner and within the time limit stipulated in the Constitution and will not be delayed even for a day.

The Prime Minister will discuss the establishment of a caretaker government that will supervise the elections under the law.

The main opposition Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N), led by former Prime Minister, Nawaz Sharif, has proposed two names for the caretaker prime minister, opposition sources say.

The PML-N leaders are also consulting other opposition parties to seek their backing for their nominees.
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**ROLLING STONES Nominated for Four NME Music Awards**

London, 23 Jan—Veteran British rockers The Rolling Stones, who celebrated their 50th anniversary last year, were nominated for four NME music awards on Monday. The Stones, back in the limelight after a photo book, greatest hits album, documentary film and mini tour to mark their 2012 golden jubilee, were short-listed for best live band, best book, music moment of the year and best music film. They were one of four acts with four nominations each. The others were LA sisters Haim, an up-and-coming band tipped for the top by several industry pollers, Australian rock band Tame Impala and British alternative hip hop artist M.I.A.

Music magazine NME’s nominations were decided by fans voting online, and the winners will be announced at The Troxy in east London on 27 February.

“When I first heard it was four things, I thought, ‘Oh, blimey! That’s very nice!’” Stones lead singer Mick Jagger said.—Reuters
Chelsea to meet Sharapova in semifinals while Ferrer takes on Djokovic

Li Na to meet Sharapova in semifinals while Ferrer takes on Djokovic

Nagai to follow his dream to Belgium

Japan’s Kensuke Nagai is pictured after holding a press conference in Toyota, Aichi Prefecture, on 22 Jan, 2013. Nagai said he is leaving J-League first-division club Nagoya Grampus in a transfer to Belgium’s Standard Liege in order to realize his dream.

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Ashley Cole extends one-year contract with Chelsea

LONDON, 23 Jan — Chelsea left-back Ashley Cole has signed a one-year contract extension with the English Premier League club, Chelsea announced on Tuesday.

“I am pleased I will be starting my eighth season at Chelsea,” said the 32-year-old England international on the club’s website.

“I wanted to stay at Chelsea because we are always fighting and challenging for trophies. That desire and the will to want to win things have not gone.”

The contract extension ends weeks long speculations recently which has linked Cole with several European giants including Real Madrid and Paris Saint-Germain.

Cole joined Chelsea from their city rivals Arsenal in 2006 and his previous contract in Stamford Bridge is due to expire at the end of this campaign.

Chelsea left-back Ashley Cole

Dwight Howard ejected from Lakers loss to Raptors

TORONTO, 23 Jan — Los Angeles Lakers centre Dwight Howard was ejected in the team’s 108-103 loss to the Toronto Raptors in NBA action on Sunday afternoon. The ejection occurred with 1:18 left in the second quarter when Howard and Raptors forward Alan Anderson got tangled after a successful free throw by Metta World Peace.

Both players received a technical foul for their rough behaviour; Howard’s was his second of the game. He had picked up one at the 4:43 mark of the first quarter after his shot was blocked by Raptors centre, Aaron Gray.

Following the game, Howard was not available to media for comments and had already left the locker room once the doors were opened to the media for post-game coverage. Lakers head coach Mike D’Antoni refused to offer an opinion on the incident, saying “That’s the referee’s call.”

The Winnipeg Jets got their offense on track with a 4-2 win over the Capitals on Tuesday, keeping Washington winless to start the new NHL season.

The Jets (1-1-1), who had scored just twice in their opening defeats, fell behind 1-0 to Washington before Evander Kane and Andrew Ladd netted power-play goals to give the visitors a 2-1 lead in the first period.

Winnipeg Jets’ goalies Ondrej Pavelec makes a save against the Washington Capitals in the third period of their NHL hockey game in Washington on 22 Jan, 2013. — Reuters
Books donated to public book corner in Dala

Director U Myint Swe of Yangon Region IPRD, Township Administrator U Tun Tun Win and the chairperson of Township WAO formally opened the public book corner. Township WAO and wellwishers will donate books and publications to the book corner weekly.

Federer skips Switzerland’s Davis Cup opener

LONDON, 23 Jan—Davis Cup champions the Czech Republic will not have to worry about facing Roger Federer in the opening round of their defense after he was left out of Switzerland’s team for the Geneva tie.

The 17-times grand slam champion, still contesting the Australian Open where he will face Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the last eight on Wednesday, played twice for his country last year but has decided to sit it out the Czech clash.

Federer has extensive connections to a Japanese national, has extensive connections with Japan, having served for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in the British Embassy in Tokyo. Her 23 minutes, 12 second time in the 2009 London Marathon is the second fastest time recorded by a British woman after Radcliffe.

Ronaldinho vows “to give everything” to Brazil’s cause

LONDON, 23 Jan—Two-time FIFA World Player of the Year Ronaldinho has vowed to “give everything he has” to re-establish his place in Brazil’s national team.

Ronaldinho was recalled to Brazil’s squad on Tuesday by new coach Luiz Felipe Scolari for next month’s international friendly against England at Wembley.

Yamauchi, Britain’s 2nd fastest woman marathoner, retires

LONDON, 23 Jan—Mara Yamauchi, winner of the 2008 Osaka Marathon and an Olympian for Britain, announced Tuesday on her blog that she will retire from racing and resume her career in the foreign service.

The 39-year-old Yamauchi, who is married to a Japanese national, has extensive connections with Japan, having served for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in the British Embassy in Tokyo. Her 2 hours, 23 minutes, 23 second time in the 2009 London Marathon is the second fastest time recorded by a British woman after Radcliffe.
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