Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife visit mountain resort in Jiuzhaigou

YANGON, 14 Oct—A Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, accompanied by the director-general of FAO of the People’s Liberation Army and wife and deputy commander of Chengdu military region and members visited 5 Flower Lake, Pearl Shoal Waterfall, Nuorilang waterfall and lake in the mountain resort of Jiuzhaigou in Sichuan Province yesterday morning. They then flew to Beijing via Johuang airport and arrived at Nanyan (See Page 8).

Workshop on Red Cross activities held

YANGON, 14 Oct—Myanmar Red Cross Society and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies held a workshop on red cross activities at Summit Park View Hotel on Ahlon Road, here, this morning. On the occasion, Director-General of the Health Department Dr Tun Naing Oo, President of Myanmar Red Cross Society Professor Dr Tha Hla Shwe, Mr. Udaya Regmi of IFRC and Mr. Jurg Montani of ICRC extended greetings.

Those present at the workshop discussed that MRCS needs to make cooperation between the societies to achieve success in carrying out its main tasks, to overcome obstacles in providing social aids to victims in the country and to seek effective ways to lend helping hands to victims. It lasts until 15 October.—MNA

Home-made agricultural machinery benefits farmers

Farmers in central Myanmar have witnessed the effectiveness of agricultural machinery in harvesting maize though they were very busy to harvest maize grains as they had to traditionally carry out the harvest and post harvest. “I want other farmers to use agricultural machinery because it cut time and cost consuming,” said U Aung Naing Tun of Kinpondan Village-tract in Tatkon Township.

Thanks to the machine, he has overcome the challenges of high costs for post harvest as the machine combines cost effectiveness with quality, he said. While taking pride himself in using the machine for getting grains from corn for the first time in Tatkon Township, U Aung Naing Tun said he bought the machine from the South Dagon Industrial Zone to better cope with high costs for post harvest. According to U Aung Naing Tun, the machine which has become the first agricultural machinery in Tatkon Township can accumulate 70 tons of maize grains per hour.

Local farmers have reaped profits as the price of maize grains has increased from K 5000 per basket last year to over K 6500 per basket this year.

By Kyaw Thu Win
Photo: Thet Htet
SEA Games torch relay kicks off

YANGON, 14 Oct—The relay of torch for the XXVII SEA Games commenced from Yangon to Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe started relay of the torch and then 20 veteran athletes who had brought prestige to the State conveyed the torch in relay from Youth Training Centre in Thawunna to Parami Junction.

After that, they relayed the torch to Yangon Toll Gate, and then conveyed the torch to Nay Pyi Taw by car. The rehearsal of relaying the SEA Games torch was practised in Nay Pyi Taw.—Kyemon-Shine Htet Zaw

Oil dealers elect association chairman

YANGON, 14 Oct—Myanmar Oil Dealers Association held the ceremony to elect chairman and executives at its hall in Bayinnaung of Yangon on 12 October morning. Chairman of the election commission U Maung Maung explained the rules and regulations for the election.

Those presenting at the meeting unanimously elected U Thein Han as Chairman, U Myint Kyu, U Aung Shwe, U Maung Myint and U Win Myint as vice-chairmen, U Hsan Lin as secretary, U Aung Myint Oo, U Ohn Thwin, U Htay Moe and U Aung Then as joint secretary. U Aung Lay as treasurer, U Htay Nyunt as joint treasurer, auditor and U Thein Oo as joint auditor and executive members.

Later, newly-elected chairman U Thein Han extended greetings at the ceremony. Kyemon-Than Win (Tanyinlay)

Football Match hailing SEA Games

Academy Ye Aung.

Academy Lu Min.

Academy E Indra Kyaw Zin.

A veteran athlete carrying SEA Games torch.

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YANGON, 14 Oct—As a gesture of hailing the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in December 2013, the former selected Myanmar footballers team and Myanmar Motion Picture Organization team played a friendly match at Aung San Stadium, here, at 3.30 pm on 12 October.

Former selected Myanmar footballers team beat MMPO 2-1 in the match.

With regard to the friendly match hailing the SEA Games, Captain of the former selected player team U Myo Hlaing Win said, “The match was organized by MMPO with two aims to hail the SEA Games and to donate proceeds of the football match to the older persons from the film community. It is good idea. To host the SEA Games is a great opportunity. So, we the people are to give encouragement to Myanmar athletes in their respective sports matches even if they are not interested in the sports.”

Team Captain of MMPO U Lu Min said, “Coming SEA Games is the most important for our country to uplift prestige of the nation as well as forge the nationalistic spirit of the people. The athletes of the nation are to take part in the SEA Games with the nationalistic spirit.

The sports fans are to cheer the athletes not only for their efforts but only for prestige and integrity of the nation. If the organization

Damaged hand-made gun, empty bullets found in Taikkyi Township

TAIKKYI, 14 Oct—A damaged hand-made gun and empty bullets were unearthed in Taikkyi Township on 12 October afternoon.

A cowboy, Maung Zeyar M inof Mee Thway Kyin Village found a butt from the ground between mile posts 3/0 and 3/1 on Uto Aphyauk Road in Mee Thway Kyin Village of Hling Village tract in Taikkyi Township at 3.20 pm.

He informed the village administrator about his finding.

According to the information, policemen of Taikkyi Myoma Police Station and village administrator arrived at the scene and unearthed one butt, damaged iron pipe, one plastic lens, five rusty bullets and one box of lead as joint secretary, U Aung Lay as treasurer, U Htay Nyunt as joint treasurer, auditor and U Thein Oo as joint auditor and executive members.

No 36 grenade found near Shwetachaung drain

MANDALAY, 14 Oct—Maung Ye Lin Oo, 17 of Kanbe Village in Madaya Township found a decayed grenade without fuse in the bush in front of the residence of U Win K yaw, 45 in the same village while he went to Shwetachaung drain to take a bath at 6 pm on 8 October.

He informed the local engineering battalion about the grenade. Policemen took security for the area of grenade for clearing it.

Kyemon-U Phet Tee (Mdy)

The rehearsal of torch relay kicks off
Suicide bombing targets Syria’s state-TV

DAMASCUS, 14 Oct — Two suicide car bombers detonated booby-trapped cars near the Syria’s state-TV headquarters on Sunday evening in Damascus, causing property damage and interrupting the broadcast of a channel, the Syrian State News Agency reported. The cars were detonated 20 meters away from a traffic light adjacent to the left fence of the headquarters, Syrian State Television said, adding that some passersby were wounded. A dead body, which officials believe belong to one of the two bombers, was found at the blast spot.

Syrian State Television also ran brief video footage of the blast aftermath, showing the damage that occurred in Umayyad Square, the heart of Damascus and the Syrian military’s headquaters. A newcstator for the state-TV said in an off-camera commentary that the losses were all material, adding that al-Ekhibaria TV, which was interrupted, continued to broadcast on a back-up frequency. Last year, an explosive device ripped through the third floor of the state-TV headquaters, killing a number of employees. The device was reportedly planted by one of the workers who was working with rebel factions. Also last year, the old office of al-Ekhbaria, which was based outside Damascus, was completely destroyed by rebels, prompting its management to relocate inside the main state television headquarters. Attacks against the state media extend to assaults on state journalists and cameramen, some of whom have been kidnapped or killed. The attack on Sunday occurred hours after the Free Syrian Army (FSA), armed groups against President Bashar al-Assad’s government, said they would barrage the capital of Damascus with mortar shells. The government believes the pro-regime troops continue to impose a siege on rebel-held areas.

Tokyo, 14 Oct — The Japanese government has allowed the export of Japan-made engine parts adopted by Self-Defense Forces ships to the British Navy, saying it would not go against Japan’s long-standing arms embargo. The components have been used by the private sector and are not necessarily treated as weapons, a government source said on Sunday. The precision parts manufactured by Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd. are used for a rotation axis for propellers in a gas turbine engine. A British Navy ship will adopt the components used by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. and Occonav Industries Ltd. to manufacture the engine parts. The British Royal Navy placed an order for the engine parts with Rolls-Royce to replace older ones, but Kawasaki Heavy was requested to export them as the British shipbuilder had terminated production of the export components. The Royal Navy asked the MSDF to study whether the export of the engine parts would contravene Japan’s so-called “three principles” on arms exports introduced in 1967 and tightened into a virtual blanket ban in 1976.

Obama, Pelosi say ‘clean’ bills needed for debt ceiling, restart White House talks

WASHINGTON, 14 Oct — President Barack Obama spoke by phone on Sunday with Nancy Pelosi, Democratic leader in the House of Representatives, to discuss the need for “clean” legislation that would increase the debt limit for a year and restart government, free from any other policy demands, the White House said in a statement.

Obama and Pelosi agreed that the US House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi must exit the White House to speak to reporters after a meeting between House of Representatives Democrats and US President Barack Obama in Washington on 9 Oct. 2013. — Reuters

Official campaigning for Kobe, Kawasaki mayoral elections starts

Kobe, 14 Oct — Official campaigning for the Kobe and Kawasaki mayoral elections started on Sunday, with neither of the incumbents seeking a further term.

In the western Japan city of Kobe, five candidates, including Yosuke Morishita, 48, a former member of the Kobe city assembly, and Yuna Nukina, 61, a representative of a civic group which is supported by the Japanese Communist Party, filed their candidacy.

The three other candidates are Kizo Hisamoto, 59, the former deputy mayor of Kobo who is recommended by the Liberal Democratic Party, the Democratic Party of Japan and the New Komeito party, Takahito Kashino, 50, a company executive, and Shinya Hisamoto, 58, who runs a building contractor’s office. The two Hisamotos are not related. The five are running as independents. Incumbent Mayor Tatsuo yada, 73, named Kizo Hisamoto, a former official of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, as his political heir and is not running in the race, which is seen as a two-man race between Hisamoto and Kashino, who lost the previous election to Yada by 8,000 votes. In Kawasaki, just southwest of Tokyo, the candidates are Yosho Hideshima, 44, a former official of the ministry, backed by the LDP, DPJ and the New Komeito, Chikako Kimishima, 63, a branch head of the New Japan Women’s Association, a major Japanese non-government organization for women’s rights, backed by the JCP and Norihiko Fukuda, 41, a former member of the Kanagawa prefectural assembly.

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Gov’t OKs Japan-made engine parts export for British Navy ship

The US House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi exits the White House to speak to reporters after a meeting between House of Representatives Democrats and US President Barack Obama in Washington on 9 Oct. 2013. — Reuters

The US dollar sank against the euro to 98.60 yen set on Friday. The dollar fell to 98.05 yen earlier in the day. The dollar was last down 0.3 percent at 98.31 yen, having touched a low of about 98.05 yen set on Wednesday. The greenback retreated from a near two-week high of 98.60 yen set on Friday.

The US dollar could find modest support against the yen as there is some buying interest at levels near 98.00 yen, said Jeffrey Halley, FX trader for Saxo Capital Markets in Singapore. “There are (dollar) bids trading at 98.00 at the moment,” Halley said. He added that trading interest from Japanese players is likely to be light on Monday, with Tokyo’s financial markets closed for a public holiday. Halley added that the dollar could regain some ground against the yen during the session after the earlier selloff.

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World Bank President Jim Yong Kim will visit Tokyo this week to talk with Japanese officials about financial market reforms. A new report by the Washington-based International Monetary Fund is expected to discuss Japan’s fiscal and monetary policies, with a focus on the country’s efforts to deal with a growing fiscal crisis and to stimulate a recovery. Monday’s report is expected to recommend that Japan increase its spending on infrastructure and education, and to increase taxes on enterprises and individuals.

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Deutsche Telekom hopes to hide German Internet traffic from spies

Revelations of snooping by the secret services of the United States and Britain were based on documents leaked by fugitive former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden.

News magazine Der Spiegel reported in June that the United States taps half a billion phone calls, emails and text messages in Germany in a typical month. Government snooping is a sensitive subject in Germany due to the heavy surveillance of citizens in the former communist East and under Hitler’s Nazis.

One of Deutsche Telekom’s competitors, internet service provider QSC, had questioned the feasibility of its plan to shield internet traffic, saying it was not possible to determine clearly whether data was being routed nationally or internationally, WirtschaftsWoche reported.

Monkeys in alpine areas not result of global warming

NAGANO (Japan), 14 Oct—Monkey sightings at high altitudes are not a symptom of global warming, despite a growing perception that climate change is altering the primates’ habitat range in alpine areas of Japan, according to scientists.

While changes in the environment have affected the movements of some species, monkeys have been observed high in mountainous areas for at least 40 years, the scientists say.

On a recent trek near the top of the 2,922-meter Mt. Ontenho in Nagano Prefecture, a couple of Japanese monkeys were spotted wandering, while another could be seen with a thing in its mouth behind the bushes of dwarf stone pines.

Their appearance in alpine habitats has surprised researchers, according to those with decades of experience in mountain reinforce, “It’s surprising to see them up here,” one climber said. “I didn’t know that monkeys climb so high these days.”

“Many climbers believe the presence of monkeys on high mountains has similar origins to the overabundance of Japanese deer. Deer populations are expanding in mountainous areas amid a decline in snow as a result of global warming, posing a serious threat to endemic plant species.”

Deer populations are

Cyber warrior shortage hits anti-hacker fightback

LONDON, 14 Oct—For the governments and corporations facing increasing computer attacks, the biggest challenge is finding the right cyber warriors to fight back.

Hostile computer activity from spies, saboteurs, competitors and criminals has spawned a growing industry of corporate defenders who can attract the best talent from government cyber units. The US military’s Cyber Command is due to quadruple in size by 2015 with 4,000 new personnel while Britain announced a new joint Cyber Reserve last month. From Brazil to Indonesia, similar forces have been set up.

But demand for specialists has far outpaced the number of those qualified to do the job, leading to a staffing crunch as talent is poached by competitors offering big salaries. “As with anything, it really comes down to human capital and there simply isn’t enough of it,” says Chris Finan, White House director for cyber security from 2011-12, who is now a senior fellow at the Truman National Security Project and working for a start-up in Silicon Valley. “They will choose where they work based on salary, lifestyle and the lack of an interfering bureaucracy and that makes it particularly hard to get them into government.”

Cyber attacks can be expensive: one unidentified London-listed company incurred losses of 800 million pounds ($1.29 billion) in a cyber attack several years ago, according to the British security services.

Global losses are in the range of $80 billion to $400 billion a year, according to research by the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies that was sponsored by Intel Corp’s McAfee anti-virus division.

Festival of open houses taps San Francisco’s tech startup allure

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 Oct—New York-based entrepreneur Caleb Gandara came to San Francisco this week and managed a rare feat: he spent half a day roaming the offices of hot startups DropBox, Cloudera and Sidecar, chatting up executives at will. Gandara was one of 3,700 people who signed up for “OpenCo,” a festival of open houses held at scores of San Francisco startups, non-profits and corporations from Google Inc to local business and chocolate maker TCHO over two hectic days.

Now in its second year, OpenCo is billed by its organizers as a novel twist on traditional sad business conferences, and an opportunity for investors, entrepreneurs and even job-seekers to get a close-up look at the San Francisco-area tech scene.

Companies that throw open their doors, in turn, get a chance to meet potential talent, gather feedback and make connections.

China’s Huawei rules out large acquisitions

FRANKFURT, 14 Oct—China’s Huawei, one of the world’s largest telecoms network infrastructure providers, is not planning any large takeovers because it would be unable to integrate them. Deputy Chairman Guo Ping was reported as saying in German paper Welt am Sonntag.

Ping, one of three deputy chairmen who take turns acting as chief executive, was responding to the paper’s question on whether he could imagine buying one of Europe’s big players in the sector, such as Nokia or Alcatel-Lucent.

Huawei, which is also one of the world’s leading handset manufacturers, last month ruled out the possibility of buying another mobile phone maker. However, Ping said that it would be open to cooperation with another handset company, the paper reported.

Ping also rejected allegations from the US Congress that technology from Huawei might be used to spy on its users and denied accusations by the European Commission that it would dump goods on the market at artificially low prices.
IMF policy panel urges “well timed” cutback in quantitative easing

Washington, 14 Oct—The International Monetary Fund’s policy-setting panel on Saturday called for the scaling back of quantitative easing to be timed carefully, apparently referring to the anticipated tapering of the US central bank’s unusually accommodative measure. The International Monetary and Financial Committee said the normalization of monetary policy “should be well timed, carefully calibrated and clearly communicated” in a communiqué released after their meeting in Washington.

The committee used similar wording as a joint statement released by finance chiefs of the Group of 20 economies the previous day. On the outlook for the global economic recovery, the committee said growth remains subdued and downside risks persist with some new risks emerging despite “encouraging signs of improving activity” in advanced economies such as the United States and Japan.

Growth in many emerging market economies has moderated, the communiqué said. Speaking at a press conference, IMF chief Christine Lagarde mentioned the importance of cooperation between countries considering phasing out quantitative easing and others that would be potentially affected. Those countries that will have to gradually exit from their unconventional monetary policies actually care about what it means outside. They care because it has effects on the way back at home,” she said.

The committee urged Japan to implement “medium-term fiscal consolidation and structural reforms to invigorate growth.”

Alibaba to transform China’s ‘e-conomy’ with $500 billion marketplace

HANGZHOU, 14 Oct—Alibaba Group’s plans to revolutionize China’s retail industry, investing $16 billion in logistics and support by 2020, will open up China’s vast interior and bring access to hundreds of millions of potential new customers. With an extra $15 billion or so in its pocket from a likely IPO, Alibaba and partners such as delivery service firms and life insurers will pump cash into revamping China’s fragile supply chains and big new data centers to process reams of consumer information.

While Alibaba sees itself as a catalyst for change, its plans also lay the groundwork for retail rivals to chip away at its business further down the line. By encouraging retailers to be more Internet-savvy, and by building the networks to distribute goods nationwide, Alibaba is showing bricks and mortar rivals how to grow online without depending on its sites. Companies such as GOME Electronics Appliances, Haier Electronics Group Co and Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group have branched into e-commerce, riding Alibaba’s coattails and reaping the rewards with their own online stalls on Alibaba’s websites.

CEO Jonathan Lu says Alibaba expects to nearly triple the volume of transactions on its marketplaces to about $3 trillion yuan ($490 billion) by 2016, overtaking Walmart Stores Inc as the world’s biggest retail network. And the message to retailers from the group’s sprawling campus headquarters in Hangzhou, less than an hour’s train ride southwest of Shanghai, is simple: adapt or die.

“The old companies that aren’t willing to transform will be wiped out by competition,” said Zeng Ming, Alibaba’s chief strategy officer. “Most traditional retailers now understand if they don’t move online, their time is limited.”—Xinhua

Indonesia seeks to get back its manufacturing mojo

BANDUNG, (Indonesia), 14 Oct—In PT Trisula International’s (TRIS.JK) hangar-sized factory outside the western Indonesian city of Bandung, hundreds of workers stitch together clothes for some of the world’s top brands. A mid of the clatter and hum of their machines are hopes for a renaissance that can restore Indonesia’s place among Asia’s big manufacturing economies, a status it lost in the mid-1990s.

As Southeast Asia’s biggest economy slows, its current-account deficit widens, and its rupee currency tumbles, policymakers are hoping factories like this will emerge as a new export engine.

But this year, Trisula, whose clients include German luxury-clothing maker Hugo Boss AG (BOSSn.DE), shed plans to buy machinery to lift production by 25 percent, fearing a margin squeeze from higher wages. A lot of people aren’t expanding in a big way because they are concerned about the rising wages," said Lali Mtali, director of marketing at Trisula.

The company’s struggle to grow, as workers demand more pay, reflects a broader challenge as Indonesia tries to wean itself off the boom-to-bust cycle of commodity prices. Exports of processed natural resources, combined with an influx of foreign investment, ignited a domestic consumption boom in the country of 250 million people and drove the economy aloft more than 6 percent growth.

Netflix in talks with US cable companies

NEW YORK, 14 Oct—Netflix Inc is in talks with several US cable television companies including Comcast Corp and Suddenlink Communications to make its streaming video service available through their set-top boxes, the Wall Street Journal reported on Sunday, citing people familiar with the matter.

According to the Journal, the negotiations are in the early stages, with no deal expected soon. The report said that one sticking point in the negotiations is that Netflix wants cable companies to adopt special technology designed to improve the quality of its streaming video. Last month, two European cable companies — Sweden’s Com Hem and Portugal’s MEO in Britain — struck deals to allow their customers to access Netflix through their set-top boxes.

Netflix Chief Financial Officer David Wells, speaking at a Goldman Sachs investor conference last month, said that the company was willing to strike similar deals with US cable companies. “We would love to reduce the friction to the end consumer, and to be available via the existing device in the home which is the set-top box,” Wells said. “But it’s up to the (pay TV provider) to decide how much a competitor they view us as, or a complement.”

Netflix, Comcast and Suddenlink could not be immediately reached for comment.

Non-regular bedtimes tied to kids’ behaviour problems

NEW YORK, 14 Oct—Kids without a regular bedtime tend to have more behaviour problems at home and at school, a new study suggests. Researchers found that when children started going to sleep at a more consistent time, their behaviour improved as well. “If you are constantly changing the amounts of sleep you get or the different times you go to bed, it’s likely to mess up your body clock,” said Yvonne Kelly, who led the study. “That has all sorts of impacts on how your body is able to work the following day,” Kelly, from University College London, told Reuters Health.

She and her colleagues analyzed data on more than 10,000 children.

They were part of a long-term study of babies born in the UK in 2000 to 2002 that regularly surveyed parents about sleep and behavioral problems. Children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder or an autism spectrum disorder were not included in the study. When kids were three years old, close to 20 percent of parents said their child sometimes or never went to bed at a consistent time. That fell to 9 percent among five-year-olds and 8 percent for seven-year-olds. Children without a regular bedtime tended to score worse on a measure of behaviour problems such as acting unhappy, getting into fights and being inconsiderate.
Osaka youth among new generation of fisherman drawn to remote island

NISHINOSHIMA, 14 Oct — Seeking to reverse the exodus of young people to big cities, fishing industry operators on remote Nishinoshima island in Shimane Prefecture have waged a long-running campaign with the local town office to attract new talent to the area. The island’s fisheries union branch, together with the town office and three local fishery companies, drew nationwide attention in November 2005. Heichi Watanabe recalls.

“After the island’s fisheries union branch had four fleets, they chalked up 2 billion yen in income and other fishes and union members caught 29,000 metric tons of fish in November 2005. Heichi Watanabe recalls.

When he was a third-year high school student, he boarded a fishing boat, the Ichimaru, on a trial basis in November 2005. He was impressed watching the landing of a huge catch of fish. In fiscal 2012, the union branch caught 29,000 tons of horse mackerel, sardine and other fishes and chacked up 2 billion yen in sales. The three fishery companies belonging to the branch have four fleets of fishing boats in total and 110 fishermen, 53 of whom are from 25 prefectures other than Shimane, including Hokkaido and Kagoshima. Kyoto News

Moscow, 14 Oct — Rioters smashed shop windows, stormed a warehouse and clashed with police in a Moscow suburb on Sunday as the biggest outbreak of anti-migrant unrest in the Russian capital in three years.

Demonstrators, some chanting racist slogans, vandalized shops and other sites known for employing migrant workers in the southern Biryulyovo area after the killing of a young Russian citizen blamed on a man from the Caucasus.

Several hundred residents had protestedpeacefully earlier that same day in the Biryulyovo district over the killing, until a group of young men began smashing windows in a shopping centre and briefly set it on fire.

A video posted on YouTube showed them chanting “White Power!” as they forced their way in. When police in riot gear tried to make arrests, protesters threw glass bottles at them and the police fought back with batons.

Video footage from the scene showed overturned cars and smashed fruit stalls. Some in the crowd, which grew to number several thousand, set off from the shopping centre and stormed into a vegetable warehouse employing migrants from the Caucasus and Central Asia.

Moscow police said several officers were wounded in the clashes, around 380 people were detained and a criminal case was opened. Extra police were sent in but sporadic clashes and arrests continued into the night. Many Moscow residents blame an influx of migrant labourers to the capital over the past decade. The Kremlin has watched with alarm at frequent outbreaks of violence in Russian cities between members of the Slavic majority and people with roots in the mostly Muslim Caucasus, ex-Soviet South Caucasus states and Central Asia.

Kyodo News

Mortar attacks kill at least 2 in Syria’s capital

DAMASCUS, 14 Oct — At least two people were killed and more than 25 others wounded on Sunday when renewed mortar attacks by rebel groups hit Damascus, local media said. A woman was killed and five others wounded in the eastern suburb of Jaramana, a pro-government suburb inhabited by Christian and Druze Syrians. The area has witnessed repeated attacks over the past three days, in which more than 15 people were killed.

A further person was killed and 20 others injured in the al-Walidiah area in the countryside of Damascus, state-media added, saying that the attack also resulted in property losses. Six people were also wounded in mortar attacks in the districts of Qassa, Bab Shaqi and al-Qadam, according to the report.

A fresh attack occurred on Sunday as the Free Syrian Army (FSA) reportedly threatened to barricade Damascus with mortar shells if the government troops continued the siege imposed on rebel-held areas. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights added that 11 civilians, including three children and an elderly woman, were wounded in mortar attacks in the capital.

At least two people were killed and two others wounded in a mortar attack on Damascus International airport in the eastern province of Daraa, a pro-government militia said.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**Stadiums, gymnasiums for coming SEA Games**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 14 Oct—**

Gymnasiums and stadiums are ready to be used for the coming SEA Games, said an official of the Ministry of Sports.

"In the era of the South-East Asian Peninsula Games, we relied on Aung San Stadium as main sports venue for the competitions. Now Myanmar is host for the coming SEA Games, and we have prepared modern stadiums and gymnasiums as sports venues meeting Asian standards," explained Director U Kyaw Moe Win.

The main sports venues for the SEA Games will be Wunna Theikdi and Zeyathiri Stadiums.

Now, the two stadiums and gymnasiums have been built on a grand scale with modern designs.

The sports complexes have been constituted with gymnasiums, 30000-seat stadiums and swimming pools for the swimming and diving events. Likewise, the sports venues have been prepared with modern facilities in Yangon, Mandalay and Ngwesaung. The Sports Village has been built in Nay Pyi Taw for accommodation of athletes and coaches.

The Sports Village comprises hostels for accommodations, venues for sports trainings and other facilities. The sports village and stadiums will be opened soon.

**Yangon difficult to host international exhibitions**

**Yangon, 14 Oct—**

Holding the international exhibitions is difficult for venue in Yangon, and there are many difficulties for building the international level exhibition hall. Today, an official of Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Myanmar) said that the Hall of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Myanmar) has no difficulty in building the exhibition hall.

"Only when Yangon hosts internal and international trade fairs, will the local entrepreneurs get economic opportunities and will foreign investment flow into the nation. "We have much difficulty to build the exhibition hall meeting international standard. We have submitted difficulties to the Region government and the Union ministry concerned. In Nay Pyi Taw, the difficulty of place can be solved," he said.

Yangon, economic hub of the nation, needs to build international level exhibition hall like Myanmar International Convention Centre. Recently, Yangon International Convention Centre of Nay Pyi Taw is going to be held.

"If Yangon has the place to host the international exhibition, foreigners can observe there. Only when the foreigners observe the exhibitions, will we have contributions to the multi-sectors," said an Editor-in-Chief of the technology and management journal.

He said that he has experience in observing the international exhibition like Beijing 2013 Expo. He continued that the exhibition will create the economic opportunities for the local entrepreneurs.

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**Highway commodity transport difficulties discussed in Muse**

**Muse, 14 Oct—**

The commodity gate entrepreneurs, agents, drivers and conductors held a meeting at the brokerage in Muse District in Shan State (North).

Vice-Chairperson Daw Yan Kyu Hwam and General Secretary U Hsin Hlaing recounted their experiences over attending the Highway Commodity Transport Services Meeting held in Yangon.

The entrepreneurs discussed that as there are four border gates along the border area, tasks of single Mobile Team at Muse 105-mile cannot achieve cent per mile cannot achieve cent per tax. Now, the mobile team stations at the place about one mile distance from the border gate to inspect the vehicles. So, the team finds any inappropriate work, not only driver and conductor but also departmental personnel of the border gate should take responsibility for the misconducts," said an official on behalf of the agents.—MMAL-Thinn Zaw (Shweli Oo)

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MMAL-Kyi Yanlkin
Tuesday, 15 October, 2013

Translation society

At the 1947 Sorrento Villa Conference, national leader General Aung San in his address pointed out the need to form a translation association for public education promotion. So, Burma Translation Society-BTS was founded on 26 August 1947.

The then Prime Minister U Nu was the Chairman of the 14-member Governing Body of the BTS. In 1952 BTS was transformed into Sarpay Beikman to engage in Myanmar literature development undertakings apart from publishing business.

A new democratic government elected by the majority emerged in March 2011. Since then, it has been launching reforms in multiple sectors. At this transitional period, development of translation services has become a must for public global knowledge and international understanding of Myanmar. So, a translation division was formed under the Sarpay Beikman in April 2013. The division has been developed through short-term and long-term projects.

Initially it will be implemented through a three-year project. The division will be a semi-government and an autonomous body to work with greater independence and acceleration for literature development. In July this year, a zero draft for a necessary law was drawn. We have contacted 33 international translation associations for necessary assistance. Up to now, we have received response from at least ten associations.

Organizations such as Asia Foundation, Asia/Pacific Culture Centre for UNESCO (ACCU), Toyota Foundation, International Centre for Literacy and Culture (ICLC) and Shanti Volunteer Associations (SVA) have cooperation with Myanmar in the publication industry.

Hence, we have contacted these organizations and others, inviting participation in co-publication programs and operations for the progress of our translation society.

Senior General M in Aung Hlaing and wife ...

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airport in Beijing at 5 pm LST where they were welcomed by Head of Asian Affairs Bureau Senior Colonel Song Yan Chao and party. The Senior General and party proceeded to Diaoyutai Guesthouse. They were there welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Oo and wife, embassy staff members and students of the PLA.

In the evening, the Senior General met with Ambassador U Tin Oo and wife, embassy staff members and students of the PLA.

Union Minister receives Vice-President of Pew Charitable Trusts

NAVPITAW, 14 Oct—Mr. Joshua Reichert, Executive Vice-President and Director of Environmental Initiatives of the Pew Charitable Trusts called upon U Winna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the ministry here, this evening. During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters related to rendering assistance to Myanmar in drawing national environmental conservation plan.—M NA

First Ministerial L level Meeting on Combating Transnational Crime and Security matter between Myanmar and Vietnam held

NAVPITAW, 14 Oct—First Ministerial Level Meeting on Combating Transnational Crime and Security matter between Myanmar and Vietnam was held at Thiriha Hotel, here, this morning.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, the senior officers of Myanmar Police Force, the directors-general from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, General Administration Department, Bureau of Special Investigation, Myanmar Correctional Department, Fire Services Department, Minister of Public Security General Tran Dai Quang and the Vietnamese ambassador to Myanmar attended the meeting.

At the meeting, the Union minister and the Vietnamese minister made opening speeches. Both sides cordially discussed matters on anti-narcotics, anti-terrorism, ammunitions and explosive devices, preventive measures against smuggling poisonous materials, trafficking of women and children and money laundering.

The meeting aims to face challenges and threats, tackle regional issues such as democracy, human rights, especially taking ASEAN Chair by Myanmar in 2014 and promote security cooperation between the two countries.—M NA

Suspicious package discovered in Ahlon

NAVPITAW, 14 Oct—A suspicious package was found at Western Park II Restaurant on Strand Road in Ahlon Township this morning.

As a water found a black plastic bag with a dry battery, two wires and a black package in it under the table number-19 at about 10 am today, the restaurant manager handed over the package to Ahlon Myoma Police Station.

Police from Ahlon Police Station and field battalion engineers removed the package safely and investigation is ongoing.—M NA

Bomb destroyed under control conditions in Mandalay

NAVPITAW, 14 Oct—A grenade with a fuse was destroyed under the water bottle system by a demining squad this afternoon in Mandalay.

Photo shows a suspicious package found on a platform outside a monastery in Mandalay.—M NA

Acting on a tip-off, the squad discovered M-67 grenade, six small batteries and a table clock near the plot No 139 between 16th and 80th streets in Myagyi Giri Ward in Aungmyat-hazan Township and detonated it under control conditions, causing no damage nor injuries.

Similarly, the squad also inspected a suspicious package on a platform outside a monastery on 62nd Street between 29th and 30th streets in Pyigyi Myatshin Ward and found no explosive devices.

M NA
The Account of Suvarnabhumi Culled from Various Literary Sources

(Continued from yesterday)

With some of them returned home, they voyaged to China through Indonesia. So they could record the then city-states there, some of the eastern Asian region. In addition, in the 3rd century A.D., the Wu Kingdom sent Chu Ying and King 'Tal' i.e., as envoys to Cambodia, Kamboja and other city-states to find ways of extending Han cultures overseas and to investigate the trade in South-China Sea. The travelogues and records of these envoys and pilgrims can give some clues to Suvarnabhumi and Suvarndvipa.

The records of the two thousand envoys tell that Siriarc ascended the Khmer's throne in 205 A.D. To extend his empire, he led his troop to the M- laya Peninsula and annexed ten city-states there. Then he was on the march to Chin-in (Golden Frontier), he fell ill. Generally, Chin-in is equated with Suvarnabhumi. Coedes applied it to Suvarnabhumi or Suvarnakuada. Dr. Nhannahran Jan Ray refers to it as the Gulf of Muttuna, which is equivalent to Chin-in-na- van in Chinese. Dr. Than Tun thinks that Chin-in is a vast area embracing the Gulf of Muttuna and the Gulf of Thailand. The records of these Chinese envoys located Chin-in-2000 li west of Funan.

A nother important town revealed by the Chinese records is a sea-port called "Saha-phant", both Chinsin which was in existence before the advent of the Christian Era, Chen Ye Sein identifies it with "Lbir-in" in Mon meaning "Sea-elephant". He continues that Vesuna of the Mahanidisa is the Indian equivalent and Besyga of Ptolemy the Greek geographer, the latter of which are the same as the Mon word "Lbir-in". He adds that Lbir-in is the same as Taikkala on the side of M.T.Kelasa. The Chinese for the name of this town survived up to the 8th or 9th century A.D. and was destroyed by Nao Choo in 835 A.D. In the light of the Mahanidisa, Vesuna is one of the adjoining areas of Suvarnabhumi. Thus can identification of Vesuna with Taik- kala or Lbir-in strengthen the assumption that Chin-in is Suvarnabhumi.

Pertaining to the date of Taikkala, Chen Ye Sein is on the basis of the rare records, says that in the 2nd century B.C., Indian merchants landed at Fan-kuan-tdu (Takupara) in the Malay Peninsula and there they met and sailed along the M-alay and Tan-thinari coast as far as Lbir-in or Taikkala and thence continued on their land journeys to Pyudasa (Pyu region). Therefore, Indians called Taikupara as Pyuagyana (the door-way to the region of Pyus). This explanation supports that Taik- kala, which is very near to the Suvarnabhumi by the Kjanyai Stone Inscription (1476 A.D.), had existed before the 2nd B.C.

Moreover, Chinese monograms of Suarn-singa and I-ching pointed out a Theravada Buddhist country between Sirkhetra in Lower Myanmar and Isan- aquara in Cambodia by the name of To-lo-po-ti. Coedes restored this Chinese term as Dvaravati. There is a persistent tradition that Nakhorn Pathom, with the Pra Pathom Ceti 30 miles due south-west Bangkok, is Suvarnabhumi. Reg- nal Lemay says that there was an ancient city called Dvaravati on the site of modern Nakhorn Pathom, which was visited by Son and Utarga. Pra Pathom is traditionally believed to have been con- structed during their visit.

I-ching who reached Sriyaja in South-Suma- tra in 671 A.D identified Sriyaja or Shih-lo-fu in Chinese with Chin Chou in the meaning "Golamatti" in Sanskrit. Hseun Teng says that Suvarnabhumi may lie in Bengal or along the River Ganges, a tributary of the Ganges.

Arabic sources

No contemporary or near-contemporary Arabic evidences on Suvarnabhumi is found. Many trading ships started to penetrate South-east Asia early in the 7th century A.D, therefore, all Arabic sources regarding this golden land are not supposed earlier than the 7th century A.D. Anyhow, these Arabic records more or less have some value in bringing to light the account of Suvar-nabhumi. Particularly, Arab writers Alberuni, Mas’udi, Abu Zayad Hasan with one Sona Duvaram, and a number of Suriyaja as Suvarnabhumi or Suvarnadviipa.

Alberuni is of the opinion that the islands of Zabad or Sivirajya were situated somewhere between the ocean which was nearer to the China than to India.

Dr. Than Tun is of his opinion that Thathon is not the very Suvarnabhumi referred to by the Dvapa- rika. This city has been identified as Don Taikkalun. In course of times, it was gradually corrupted to Don Taikkala. In 336 B.C., King Rajacove moved his capital Harisabhumidvama- vati to the site of Don Taik- kala. Therefore, the new capital of Rajasove came to be known as Taikkala. It is noticed that the writers of old Myanmar treatises and chronicles have different views on the location of Suvarnabhumi. The Sasanalanka Saridan identifies Thathon with Suvarnabhumi. The Sasanavamsa de- scribes that Suvarnabhumi is one of three provinces of Ramannadesa.

The Sasanavamsa (Great Chronicle) says that Suvarnabhumi may be Thathon or Chiang Mai. The Sasanabhasulap- pakasani Kyan mentions Thathon as Suvarnabhumi. The Glass Palace Chronicle describes Thatron as Suvarnabhumi. The Sasanalankara Appasamya Kyan identifies Thatron with Suvarnabhumi.

Dr. Htin Kyaw says that Suvarnabhumi is the region comprising Ramanandadesa, Ramayn and Thailand. The Mahanidisa, Sasanavamsa and the Mahavamsa identifies Suvannabhumi, it, in the light of the sources available only in the hands of Mons should be re- garded as Suvannabhumi. Thathon was their window to the sea and the great world of Buddhists India.

B.C. Then he assumed the regnal title of Srimasoka. It lasted for 241 years and was ruled over by a line of ten kings. In the mean time, the Viae Thaton was going to Suvarndviipa.

With regard to the founding of Taikkala, the Chronicles of Mons and Their Religious Shrines claims that Taikkala Suvarnabhumi was established by king Rajacove in 336

They were called "Suvan- nadyipa" by the Hindu and also called "Suvarnabhumi", for they contained much gold, if they washed only a single acre of the country.

Abu Zayad Hasan states that Zabad faced towards the direction of China. The distance between the two was a month by sea and even less, if the winds were favorable. The islands were thickly populated and very fertile and endowed with gold.

In brief, it is found that the Arabic merchants called Zabad or Sivirajya as Zabad and identified with Suvarnabhumi, which was again equated, with Suvarndviipa by them.

Suvarnabhumi is in Dvaravati in Thailand.

In conclusion, as this essay is dealt only with literary or textual references, it is impossible to draw a decisive conclusion on the location of Suvarnabhumi. Anyhow, the above refer- ences show that varieties of Suvarnabhumi emerged at different times in different regions of Asia - Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia and In- dia: Suvarnabhumi visited by Indian merchants including the Bodhisattva before the Buddha for the commercial purpose, Suvarnabhumi haunted by gold explor- ers just before or after the Christian Era, Suvarnabhumi landed by Ven.Sona and Utarga in about the 3rd century B.C. for the missionary purpose, Suvarnabhumi reached by Ptolemy in antiquity, Suvarnabhumi colonized by the Kmer Army in the 3rd cen- tury A.D and Suvarnabhumi colonized by the 27th century B.C. for the trading purpose. It is noticed that some scholars, neglecting the varieties of Suvarnabhumi, tend to stubbornly identify their own version with origin of the idea, having recourse to the sources available only to them. Therefore, it is suggested that they should do a thorough and scientific research. With regard to these varieties, they are different or overlapped or identical in terms of time and space. Only then they will come to know which variety is iden- tified with their own origin, and sufficiently being able to locate it and to execute its history. (Concluded)
Local News

Departmental officials meet local people for regional development

Pa Law, 14 Oct—The departmental officials met local people at Post-Primary School in Kae Village, tract of Palaw Township of Taninthayi Region on 11 October and explained rural development tasks.

Staff Officer Mr. Tun Than of Township Fisheries Department explained plan to collect data for rural development, Staff Officer Mr. Phone Kyaw of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, and development of livestock breeding, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Min Aung taking census and raising reading habit and Staff Officer U Kyaw Lwin of Township Cooperative Development formation of village cooperative societies and plans.

It was attended by 25 villagers.

Later, staff of Townsend IPRD presented wall magazines and photo shows.—Kyemon-Paalaw IPRD

Outbreak of fire at vehicle in Zabuthiri Township

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 Oct—A fire broke out at Corolla Saloon of General Manager U Aung Kyaw Win of Myanma Railways Head Office Room 13 from Building 136 at Hk kay Housing in Pyinnya Thingyi Ward of Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, at 1.15 pm on 5 October.

Staff from the housing put out the fire with the use of fire extinguishers at 1:30 pm. Deputy Head of No 3 Fire Station U Myat Thu Shwe and members among with one fire engine and SIP Than Zaw Lin and members of No 5 police station rushed to the scene.

After checking the incident, they said that it may be an arson case.

With regard to the case, they founded that 12 pieces of clothes from the line between rooms 11 and 12 of the Building 136 were burnt at 8:20 pm on 2 October.

Moreover, asmall plastic basket to place newspapers and journals kept at the door of room 11 was burnt.

At 8:40 pm on 3 October, a roll of carpet on the floor was destroyed by fire between rooms 11 and 12.

In all incidents, the residences of the building put out the fire.

A file was opened against Hmon Gyi (a) Zaw Naing Oo for the case.

The police try to expose the theft of fuel from vehicles and the people are to cooperate with the police men in giving information over the police about suspect cases for reduction of crime, said the head of No 3 Police Outpost.

Kyaw Thura
(Nay Pyi Taw)

Suicide Syndicate holds AGM

Mandalay, 14 Oct—Chanmyathazi Township Cooperative Syndicate held the annual general meeting 2012-13 at the hall of the Township Cooperative Department in Chan-myathazi Township on 13 October.

Chairman of the syndicate U Chit Khan and Staff Officer Daw Mu Mu made speeches. Director U Khin Maung Aye read the financial statement.

The meeting was also attended by Director of Mandalay Region Cooperative Syndicate U Thein Myint and officials.

The cooperative Syndicate produces exercisebooks and diary to cooperative societies and local people. Kyemon-387

Construction

Water course of Upok Creek diverted

Backhoe and bulldozers in operation to convert water course of Upok Creek in Kalay,

Kalay, 14 Oct—Upok Creek in Kalay starts from the foot of Chin Hill. Its current is very strong. Therefore, the affordable persons built retaining wall of their residence. However, the types of the walls are difference among them. In consequence, the water of the creek eroded the banks caused landslides, said a local.

Erosion affects the banks. Landslides happen for many times. In the future, even Bogoyoke Street may be eroded, said Chairman of District Management Committee U Maung Htoo.

At present, the water course of Upok Creek is being dredged with the use of three bulldozers with the assistance of the townsenders.

Moreover, District and Township Management Committee, the Development Affairs Supervisory Committee and Hluttaw representatives held coordination for construction of the retaining walls, said an official.

Kyemon-Lin Let Kyi Sinn

Fire

Channmyathazi Township Cooperative Syndicate in progress.

Mobile Team makes field trip to jetties in Myeik

Myeik, 14 Oct—The members of Mobile Team extracted from the Border Trade Camp (Myeik) of Commercial and Consumer Affairs Department checked vessels of export and import works at Myeik FOB Station and Polamin Jetty in Ahtuseik Village of Myeik Township on 11 October afternoon.

The team aims to take action against violence of prescribed rules and regulations of exportation, protect consummres and minimize illegal trade.

The mobile team inspected 60 tons of diesel and 20 tons of petrol on board MT Myi-CHi 3 vessel, 1500 bags of cement and 80000 kilos of edible oil in 4700 containers on board Sein Zin Yaw Aung vessel and 62.955 tons of fish to be exported on board K haing Lin Soe 36 vessel. The team checked the vessels whether they have import licence, custom ID, IL-ID and EL-ED for their works.—Kyemon-Myeik District

Officials of mobile team checking materials on board the vessel.

Crime

Diesel thief arrested in Zabuthiri Township

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 Oct—SIP Myat Ky Ky Oo and party of No 6 police outpost arrested Hmon Gyi (a) Zaw Naing Oo believed to be thief of diesel from stationary vehicles at the housing at Danathikdi Ward of Zabuthiri Township on 8 October.

At 1.30 pm, the police placed suspect Hmon Gyi (a) Zaw Naing Oo, 20, son of U Hla Shein of squatter area in the forest near the 1363 staff quarters in Dekkhinathiri Township. He confessed he had stole five gallons of diesel from the vehicle that stationed at the staff quarter in July 2012. The police seized five gallons of diesel at the ward administrative office.

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(Nay Pyi Taw)

Contributors honoured on 49th MPF Day

Mawlamyine, 14 Oct—A ceremony to mark the 49th Myanmar Police Force was held at Y amanya Zarni Hall of the Mon State Police Force in Mawlamyine of Mon State on 1 October.

At the ceremony, the senior police officers of Mon State and district police forces presented cash award and certificates of honour to outstanding police members and those who helped policemen in their works.

Kyemon-Kyaw Than (Mawlamyine)

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Over 40% of women in 70s belong to sports clubs

Tokyo, 14 Oct—More Japanese people are joining sports clubs or community sports groups as they get older, with over 40 percent of women in their 70s belonging to such clubs, an annual survey by the government showed on Sunday.

The survey for fiscal 2012 ended in March this year also showed that physical abilities of children have continued to improve since comparable data became available in fiscal 1998. Women aged 70 to 74 had the highest percentage of people belonging to sports clubs or community groups for sports and fitness activities at 44 percent.

The ratio is still above 40 percent for women 75 to 79 years of age, said the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

The percentage of people joining sports clubs is around 20 percent for women in their 20s and 30s, but it steadily goes up once they reach their 40s, according to the survey.

As for men, the percentage of sports club members is 25 percent among those 35 to 39 years of age and gradually goes up along with age, topping 40 percent among those 75 to 79 years old, it showed.

People belonging to sports clubs tended to show better physical abilities than those who do not, it said.

Children in all age brackets scored much higher in a physical ability test than in fiscal 1998.

They showed little improvement in recent years in some fundamental movement skills such as ball throwing, however, possibly reflecting a trend of declining time spent by people in playing outdoors or engaging in physical exercises regularly, said the ministry, which surveyed about 66,000 people.

Kyodo News

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Beijing, Oct—China’s annual consumer inflation rate rose to a seven-month high of 3.1 percent in September as poor weather drove up food prices, limiting the scope for the central bank to maneuver to support the economy even as exports showed a surprise decline.

But few analysts expect a further sharp rise in inflation or policy tightening in coming months as the world’s second-largest economy still faces a weak global environment and Beijing tries to tap the brake on credit-fueled investment.

The inflation rate was higher than a median forecast of 2.9 percent in a Reuters poll and August’s 2.6 percent, but was still below the official target of 3.5 percent for 2013.

“We expect CPI inflation to rise further in Q4 and see rising risks that it may rise above 3.5 percent for some months in 2014,” said Zhiiwei Zhang, China economist at Nomura in Hong Kong.

The rise of CPI inflation leaves little room for policy easing as benchmark deposit rate is only 3 percent.

“Even at the same time, analysts see little risk of a tightening given inflation was below the full-year target.”

Seoul, 14 Oct—South Korea reiterated its stance that the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) should first show its sincerity toward denuclearization to resume the long-stalled six-party talks.

“The timing of resuming the six-party talks depends on North Korea (DPRK),” the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a report to lawmakers on Monday.

The report said that the DPRK should demonstrate its genuineness toward denuclearization by complying with its international obligations and promises.

S Korea, Indonesia agree to conclude free-trade deal by year-end

Jakarta, 14 Oct—Indonesia and South Korea agreed on Saturday to conclude a free-trade deal by the end of this year and expand trade and investment between the two countries. The agreement was contained in a joint statement issued following a meeting in Jakarta between Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and South Korean President Park Geun Hye.

“I believe the leaders’ joint statement will become the foundation for cooperation between the two countries,” Park later said at a joint press conference with Yudhoyono. Indonesia and South Korea also concluded an agreement to promote cooperation in national defense.

According to South Korea’s Yonhap News Agency, Seoul and Jakarta launched official negotiations last year to forge a comprehensive economic partnership agreement and have since conducted five rounds of talks. Yonhap said Indonesia is the biggest Southeast Asian buyer of South Korean defense products. In 2011, the country awarded two massive contracts to South Korea, one of which was to purchase submarines and the other to purchase T-50 Golden Eagle supersonic trainer jets.

At least 21 people killed in India cyclone, 900,000 evacuated

New Delhi, 14 Oct—A major cyclone that hit the eastern Indian state of Odisha has left 21 people dead as of Sunday, with local authorities containing a potential major disaster by evacuating hundreds of thousands of residents to safety, according to local media.

Weather officials say Cyclone Phailin has weakened since making landfall in Odisha late Saturday, suggesting the number of casualties is unlikely to rise significantly. Under orders from Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, 900,000 residents were safely evacuated from their homes in the state, a measure that has been credited with minimizing the extent of casualties.

More than 10,000 people in Odisha died when a huge cyclone ravaged the state in 1999.

Resuming six-party talks depends on DPRK

Seoul, 14 Oct—South Korea reiterated its stance that the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) should first show its sincerity toward denuclearization to resume the long-stalled six-party talks.

“The timing of resuming the six-party talks depends on North Korea (DPRK),” the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a report to lawmakers on Monday.

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**UK police explore new line of investigation over missing McCann**

London, 14 Oct — Police conducting a global search for Madeleine McCann, the British girl who disappeared in 2007, have come up with a new version of events surrounding her suspected abduction and want to question one unidentified man in particular.

McCann, then aged three, went missing from her room at the Praia da Luz holiday resort in Portugal in May 2007 while her parents were dining with friends at a nearby restaurant, triggering a search that gripped the world’s media.

In a statement on Sunday ahead of their most detailed TV appeal for information on the case, British police said they planned to release a series of e-fit images of individuals they want to question. “The purpose of the appeal is to try and identify these men, to eliminate any innocent sightings or to establish if they are connected in any way,” British police said. “The timeline we have now established has given new significance to sightings and movements of people.”

Police said they wanted to identify one man in particular who had been seen by two witnesses in the resort area around the time of McCann’s disappearance. “Whilst this man may or may not be the key to unlocking this investigation, tracing and speaking to him is of vital importance to us,” Detective Chief Inspector Andy Redwood said. — Reuters
Photograph of Sandra Bullock in a still from Gravity

Sandra Bullock battled depression during Gravity shoot

LOS ANGELES, 14 Oct— While shooting for space drama Gravity, actress Sandra Bullock suffered serious bouts of depression as she was locked in an isolation tank for 10 hours at a time.

The 49-year-old admits the lonely sessions took a serious toll on her mental health, reports femalefirst.uk. Director Alfonso Cuaron had to keep a close eye on her to ensure she didn’t lose her cool and he used her son, Louis, to cheer her up whenever he felt she needed a boost.

“I was depressed, I was angry. I would get so sad because it was a black room, no human contact, they took away sound. ‘What did they do was, Alfonso could see, because he had cameras always on my face, he would be like, ‘She’s cracking, she’s cracking, get the kid’,” Bullock said on a talk show.

“They’d created this whole wonderland just outside for Louis (to keep him occupied during filming), so they brought him in,” she added.

Elton John and Adele are good friends

Elton John asks Adele to accept Las Vegas residency?

LONDON, 14 Oct— Singer A dele has reportedly been advised by Elton John to accept a huge Las Vegas residency offer.

Adele is part of a USD 40 million bidding war between Las Vegas casinos for a potential residency, similar to Britney Spears’ upcoming shows, and the ‘Rocket Man’ legend giving her guidance, reported Digital Spy.

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Aamir Khan closely involved with marketing of Dhoom: 3

Mumbai, 14 Oct— He is known to be a firm strategist in the industry and looks like staying true to his image, Aamir Khan is leaving no stone unturned to follow up on the promotions and the marketing plans for his upcoming film, Dhoom: 3. Though the star is busy shooting his next film, Peakay with Rajkumar Hirani, sources close to the actor say he has not lost sight of all the action that is going on around Dhoom 3’s upcoming release.

Insiders say he is in touch with Aditya Chopra, whose banner is producing the film and the production team. Says a source, “He may be shooting in a different city but he is interested to know about all the plans around Adi’s marketing plans for their film. In fact, the crew sends him posters and samples of the teasers whenever they are ready and only after they get a thumbs-up from Aamir, do they go ahead with it.” Those close to Aamir say that before taking off for Delhi to shoot for Hirani’s film, Aamir had long discussions with Aditya and his team on their progress.

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England's Lynn storms to victory in Portugal

LISBON, 14 Oct—England's David Lynn came back from six shots off the pace to win his first European Tour event in nearly a decade at the Portugal Masters on Sunday.

Lynn, who was runner-up to Rory McIlroy at the 2012 PGA Championship, made nine birdies and a bogey to record an eight-under par 63 and claim his first victory since the 2004 Dutch Open with an 18-under total of 266.

Townsend expected to keep place for England

LONDON, 14 Oct—Manager Roy Hodgson is expected to retain exciting new winger Andros Townsend and make one enforced team change when England seek to beat Poland on Tuesday and seal their passage to the World Cup finals.

Townsend, 22, of Tottenham Hotspur, made a goal-scoring debut for England on Friday when his pace and trickery inspired them to a 4-1 victory against Montenegro at Wembley.

England's Andros Townsend celebrates scoring his team's third goal against Montenegro during their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match at Wembley Stadium in London, on 11 Oct, 2013.—Reuters

Djokovic masters Del Potro in Shanghai title defence

SHANGHAI, 14 Oct—World number two Novak Djokovic produced a magical display to overcome the ferocious hitting of Argentine Juan Martin Del Potro and successfully defend the Shanghai Masters title on Sunday.

The Serb took command of the centre court, moving his taller opponent from side to side by taking the ball early and pressuring the Argentine's serve with some crisp, deep returns. Djokovic broke twice to race into a 5-0 lead before sixth seed Del Potro finally held for the first time to register a game. The Argentine's first serve percentage dropping to 56 percent as the pressure from Djokovic's brilliant returning told. Djokovic quickly wrapped up the set in 34 minutes but a rejuvenated Del Potro fought back gamely in the second, turning the tables on the Serbian with some powerful hitting of his own. The 2009 US Open champion scored a crucial break early in the set thanks to some booming winners as he opened up a 2-0 lead with an improved serve also providing cheap points. Djokovic, though, had three chances to break back at 2-4 but the Argentine's monstrous forehand offered some clean winners as he crucially held before serving out for the set in the next game.—Reuters

Cameron have keeper to thank for forcing draw in Tunisia

TUNIS, 14 Oct—Cameroon goalkeeper Charles Itandje made several spectacular saves to help his side force a 0-0 draw in Tunisia on Sunday in the first leg of their World Cup playoff.

French-born Itandje, who plays in Turkey and was returning to the Rades Stadium,moving his taller defenders forward in an increasingly desperate bid to force a goal.

Cameron had two good chances to grab a win, first when Jean Makoun missed the target from close range after being teed up by captain Samuel Eto'o and then when Pierre Webo failed to scramble home the ball when he was unmarked at the back post.

The draw followed a 2-1 away win for Nigeria against Ethiopia in their playoff first leg in Addis Ababa earlier in the day.

Tunisia's Sami Allagui (C) fights for the ball with Cameroon's Aurélien Chedjou (R) during their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match at the Rades Stadium in Tunis on 13 Oct, 2013.—Reuters

Another important block in the fourth minute denied Houcine Ragued at the back post as Itandje was left exposed by his defence. Then came a trip over the top of the crossbar to deny a rasping shot from Wissem Ben Yahia followed by another instinctive parry away of a diving close-range header from Chikhaoui.

Midway through the second half Itandje denied defender A laedine Y'Aliha as hosts Tunisia threw players forward in an increasingly desperate bid to force a goal.

His place is likely to go to Phil Jones while left back Leighton Baines is expected to continue deputising for Ashley Cole, ruled out with a rib injury after also missing the Montenegro match.—Reuters

England's Andros Townsend celebrates scoring his team's third goal against Montenegro during their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match at Wembley Stadium in London, on 11 Oct, 2013.—Reuters

Novak Djokovic (R) of Serbia and Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina pose with their trophies after their men's singles final match at the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament on 13 Oct, 2013.—Reuters
Science fiction film “Gravity” continues to dominate North America box office

LOS ANGELES, 14 Oct—Science fiction thriller “Gravity” held up well in North America and extended its No 1 placing into the second weekend of business over the weekend. The Warn- er Bros science fiction and space drama film starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney is estimated to take in $44.3 million US dollars in ticket sales in the week-end, down 21 percent from the debutting weekend that started on 4 October. It is on track to gross 123.4 million dollars in ten days after sal- ing past the 100-million-dollar mark Saturday. Sony/Col- umbia Pictures’ real-life sea pirates saga “Captain Phil- lips” outpaced pre-release estimates to finish at the $2 slot with a 26-million- dollar weekend. The film, directed by Paul Greengrass and starring Tom Hanks, was screened at 3,030 theat- ers in the United States and Canada, but skewed slightly towards male moviegoers (52 percent). Sixty-two per- cent of the first-night audi- ences were 35 years or older. Mainly helped by Hanks’ drawing power, the PG-13 rated documentary started to build a strong word ofmouth. It earned a rare “A” CinemaScore from first- night moviegoers, and a 94 percent favorable critical re- sponse from film review ag- gregator Rotten Tomatoes. The movie was adapted from “A Captain’s Duty” by Somali Pirates, Navy SEALS, A and Dangerous Days at Sea,” a 2010 book penned by the re- al-life captain Richard Phil- lips. He was held hostage by Somali pirates after his ship was hijacked in April 2009. Sony Pictures’ anim- ated film “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2” was ranked the third with an estimated weekend tickets earning of 14.2 million US dollars. Rounding out the top 10 most popular films in North America this weekend, as estimated by studios, were “Machete Kills” (debuting at 3.8 million US dollars), “Runner, Runner” (3.7 mil- lion), “Prisoners” (3.7 mil- lion), “Insidious Chapter 2” (2.7 million), “Rush” (2.4 million), “Don Jon” (2.3 million), and “Baggage Claim” (2.1 million).—Xinhua

Stampede in central India leaves 89 pilgrims dead, more than 100 hurt

NEW DELHI, 14 Oct—A stampede on Sunday in the central Indian state of Mad- hya Pradesh has left at least 89 pilgrims dead and more than 100 injured, according to local media reports. The reports, quoting local au- thorities, state 17 children among the dead.

Some 50,000 devotees had been at the site of the tragedy to attend a reli- gious ritual, according to the reports. Rumors of an impending bridge collapse may have triggered the initial stampede by pilgrims crossing the Sindh River. The reports also specu- lated that police baton-charg- es may have aggravated the situation. The pilgrims were bound for the Durga fes- tival at the Mandula Devi temple, the site where more than 35 sepiots were res- pectedly washed away in 2006 when water was re- leased from an upstream dam. —Kyodo News

Strong typhoon may approach Japan’s mainland of Honshu on Wednesday

TYOKE, 14 Oct — A strong typhoon was mov- ing in waters south of the Japanese archipelago Monday and could ap- proach Japan’s main island of Honshu within two days, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

Typhoon Wipha, the 26th typhoon of the year, was moving north-north- west at a speed of 20 kilometers per hour in the Pacific Ocean toward the M inamisato Island of Okinawa Prefecture, and is expected to come very close to eastern Japan on Wednesday, the agency said. It warned of gusts, heavy rain and high waves in the large area in western through northern Japan.

As of 9 am, the typhoon had an atmospheric pressure at its center of 930 hectopascals and was packing winds of up to 234 kph. —Kyodo News

American Walker wins PGA Tour’s season opener

SAN MARTIN, [California], 14 Oct—American Jimmy Walker took advantage of a late col- lapsed by overnight leader Brooks Koepka to win his first PGA Tour title by two shots at the Frys.com Open in San Martin, Calif., on Sunday.

Three strokes off the pace heading into the final round, Walker coolly bird- ed two of the last six holes to close with a five-under par 66 on a sun-splashed af- ternoon at Cordell ale Golf Club.

The 34-year-old seized the outright lead for the first time when he two- putted for birdie at the par- five 15th, then made three consecutive pars to post a 7-under total of 267 in the opening event of the PGA Tour’s 2013-14 season.

“I think it will sink in after a while,” an emotional Walker told Golf Channel after earning a Masters invitation and a two-year exemption with his maiden win on the US circuit fol- lowing his 18th career start.

“I am still feeling the adrenaline and everything. I feel like a relief, a release of kind, right now but it feels really good. I am pret- tly excited. I was swinging good so I just kept saying, ‘Let’s just keep hitting good shots, putting good.’ Everything felt like it was in control, so I just kept doing that and it worked out.”

American Keopka, also seeking a maiden vic- tory on the PGA Tour, briefly led by four shots on the front nine but tumbled backwards with bogeys on four of the last 10 holes on his way to a 72 and a four- way tie for third place.

Former world number one Vijay Singh, bidding for his first win in five years on the PGA Tour where he has triumphed 34 times dur- ing a Hall of Fame career, finished alone in second at 15 under after closing with a 68. For the early part of the afternoon, Keopka ap- peared to be heading toward a remarkable victory in only his first career start on the PGA Tour, stretch- ing his overnight lead to three shots when he sank a 10-foot birdie putt at the par-four second.— Reuter
France’s National Front victorious in local by-election

TOKYO, Oct 14 — France’s National Front (FN) won by a wide margin in a local by-election in southeast France on Sunday, the latest sign the anti-immigrant party is benefiting from discontent with ruling Socialists and mainstream opposition conservatives.

Even though the National Front already has an established presence in the region, the victory in the canton of Brignoles near the port town of Toulon suggests it is well placed to make gains in 2014 municipal and European Parliament elections.

FN candidate Laurent Lopez won 53.9 percent of votes against 46.1 percent for center-right UMP candidate Catherine Délzers, according to final results.

President Francois Hollande’s Socialists did not field their own candidate in the first round, instead backing a Communist ally who failed to make it into Sunday’s run-off. They subsequently called on left-wing supporters to back the UMP but even that was not enough to avert an FN victory. “This victory with an unambiguous score and a record turnout demonstrated that the National Front is a unifying party,” Lopez said after the results were announced.

Actions to be taken against those involved in Thanlwin violence

Investigating ongoing to expose masterminds

NAY PYI TAW, Oct 14 — Of 78 suspects detailed in connection with the killing and setting fire to houses during the incident occurred on 28 September in Thande Township, Rakhine State, five have been released due to lack of evidence today, Ministry of Home Affairs said.

According to the investigations, four suspects confessed to killing two people in Lindhi village, two admitted to killing five in Thabyuchai village and 28 were found guilty of setting fire to houses. Plans are underway to take actions against the 34 suspects in accord with the law and respective district and region authorities and department submit it. The deputy minister also replied to the question on upgrading of BEPPS in Natchaung Village of MraukU Township carried by U Kyaw Kyaw of Sagaing Region Constituency No 8 asked whether there is a plan to appoint specialists at K Akyal Town- ship Hospital (200-bed).

Deputy Ministers for Health Dr Daw Thein Htay replied that senior eye specialist or eye specialist will be appointed in the vacancy of the hospital in November 2013.

The ninth day session of Amyotha Hluttaw continued tomorrow. — MNA

J R Shikoku plans slowest-running “bullet train”

TAKAMATSU, Oct 14— Shikoku Railway Co, the only Japan Railway group company with no plans for high-speed shinkansen train services, is planning to run its own “shinkansen”-train—a diesel-pow- ered vehicle that will look like an old generation bullet train and max out at 85 kilometers per hour.

In making an announcement on Monday, JR Shikoku President Masafumi Izumi said with a grin of embarrassment, “It’s a mock shinkansen. It’s the slowest shinkansen.” A genuine bullet train boards an operating maximum speed of 270 kph.

The one-car tourism train, called a “railway hobby train,” will run between Kubokawa Station in Kochi Prefecture and Uwajima Station in Ehime Prefecture from around March, the railway operator said, adding it will be modeled after the 0-series first-generation shinkansen, which has been retired from service.

The railway company is hoping that it will attract railway fans. The service runs along Shimanto River, known for scenic provincial views.

Photo shows an illustration of a one-car tourism train that Shikoku Railway Co. plans to run starting around March 2014.

Moscow, 14 Oct—A theater company led by Japanese playwright Hitoshi Hirata has nearly sold out its performances of Anton Chekhov’s classic play “Three Sisters” in Moscow, featuring a lifelike robot along with real actors.

The show by Seinendan, which combined the state-of-the-art technology of Japan and a Russian masterpiece, is scheduled for Friday through Sunday at a central Moscow theater.

“I feel pressure,” Hirata said at a press conference in Moscow Thursday, referring to the fact he was in Chekhov’s homeland. While the original work is set in the late 19th century Russia, Hirata’s version is transposed to a near-future Japan. “Had Chekhov written a piece in the 21st century, it would have been like this,” Hirata said. Androids play the youngest of the three sisters in the play. Non-android robots make appearances as well.

It questions the meaning of life in an era when robots have become common in households. It has been performed in Japan, France, Spain and Taiwan so far. The play is part of the Robot Theater Project between Hirata and scientist Hiroshi Ishiguro who created Hataras at Osaka University laboratory known for developing cutting-edge androids. — Kyodo

Schools need to submit complete documents for upgrading

NAY PYI TAW, Oct 14— At today’s session of A myotha Hluttaw, U Myo M yint of Mandalay Region Constituency No 6 submitted a proposal urging the Union government to implement Myanmar forest policy for ensuring permanent forest estate. PE. The proposal emphasized that it needs to stop annual loss of forest area as 19 per cent of forest coverage area during 85 years period from 1923 to 2010.

An announcement has been issued that timber log extraction will be stopped in the first week of April 2014 after exportation of logs due to agreements for fetching foreign exchange.

The Hluttaw decided to discuss the proposal.

With regard to question whether there is a proposal to upgrade Affiliated BEPS to BEPS (Branch) in Htanhaing Village of Letpadan Township raised by U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency No 10, Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Min Aung replied that the priority will be given to upgrading the school in 2014 if respective district and region authorities and department submit it. The deputy minister also replied to the question on upgrading of BEPPS in Natchaung Village of MraukU Township carried by U Kyaw Kyaw of Rakhine State Constituency No 2 that it needs submission of necessary documents, the school will be upgraded as priority in 2014.

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Pyithu Hluttaw’s eighth regular session goes

NAY PYI TAW, Oct 14— Today’s Pyithu Hluttaw session carried out seven sessions.

Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ba Shwe responded to the question about progress in reaching an agreement on norms and standards for electrical and electronic products raised by U Kyi Tha of Gwa Constituency that Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) is only a process, not an agreement, that the present situation is taking place in accord with Myanmar Electricity Law 1984 which is being rewritten to be in conformity with the present time; that formulation of rules and regulations which correspond to international standards being applied in ASEAN countries will follow after the enactment of a new law; and that plans are underway to accept ASEAN standards directly.

Deputy Minister for Industry U Thein Aung answered the question on provision of loans to SMEs raised by U Aye Mauck of Mahaing Constituency that no separate recommendation is needed to receive the loans from the banks because SMEs have been registered and approved as private industries. Moreover, it is not required to release a notice as lists of private industries are distributed in respective townships, he added.

In an interview with U Thein Tun Oo of Amarapura Constituency regarding the answer of the deputy minister, he stressed the importance of greater transparency in loan disbursement. He said he would greatly appreciate it if the number of the receivers of loan were announced.

Today’s session came to an end at 12.45 pm and the tenth-day session continues tomorrow. — MNA

U Han Thu accredited to France

NAY PYI TAW, Oct 15— The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Han Thu, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations, New York, the United States of America, as ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the French Republic. — MNA

Reuters

Two admitted to killing five of crimes, Ministry of Home Affairs said.

Investigation is ongoing to expose those who masterminded the incident with the aim of disturbing peace and stability and causing unrests and violence. Punitive actions will be taken against those who were convicted of crimes, Minister of Home Affairs said. —MNA