Japanese government to help Myanmar’s regional development

NAY PYI TAW, 18 October—Perpetrators committed bomb attacks with the intention of paralyzing community peace and tranquility and the rule of law in some regions. In particular, the intentionally attempted aimed at creating public panic and disturbing peace and stability of the country. Due to the acts of violence in which explosions occurred for six times and four mines were removed safely, two innocent civilians were killed and three injured. Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Zaw Win today said at a press conference on the incidents of bomb blasts in some regions.

Saw Myint Lwin, main suspect, was arrested at about 7.30 am on 15 October while he was on his motorcycle in Bilin-Natkyi-Papun motorway near Bo Tay Za ward in Bilin Township of Mon State and three other suspects—Aung Hsuan Lin, Aung Min Oo and Aung Moe Thu—were detained, he added.

The MPF Chief continued regarding Saw Myint Lwin who committed the bomb blasts that Saw Myint Lwin joined KNLU when he was 16 years old and left KNLU in 2008 after serving for five years. He had a close contact with Nay Toe (a) Saw Shwe Htoo from an economic organization of KNLU while he worked for gold mining company of U Mya Phu as a daily-paid worker. He met with two men of Nay Toe who phoned him to come when he was at the house U Mya Phu in Bilin on 27 September at Ma Li Kyauk tollgate around noon. He put up at the gate for the night and met with Nay Toe who showed him a bag of ten mines and taught him how to detonate a mine for 15 times on the following day. Nay Toe gave him K 500,000 and two mines to be exploded at Traders Hotel in Yangon and a restaurant.

He went to Yangon together with U Mya Phu who was asked to go to Yangon by Nay Toe through the line at about 6 am on 4 October. They went to Olympic Hotel as Nay Toe phoned them at 6 pm that he and Soe Myint Aung were at the hotel. U Mya Phu booked an upstairs room in the name of Win Ko Ko and Nay Toe (a) Saw Shwe Htoo, room No.104 in the name of Saw Shwe Htoo. Soe Myint Aung and Saw Myint Lwin booked room No.109.

On 5 October, they went to Chaungtha where Nay Toe asked him to explode bombs at Traders Hotels and Secon Htoo where foreigners stayed and restaurants such frequent by foreigners, saying that the aim of bomb attacks is to plummet foreign investments in Myanmar. He accepted the Nay Toe’s offer to carry out bombings at two places not later than 15 October for a gold mining block.

On 6 October, they returned to Chaungtha and stayed again at Olympic Hotel where Room No. 103 was booked for Nay Toe and Room No 104 for Saw Myint Lwin. U Mya Pyu and Soe Myint Aung went back home. In the evening, Nay Toe asked him to go to Traders Hotel to check the situations together with U Mya Pyu.

On 7 October, he left for Bilin, but Nay Toe and others remained in Yangon. It was known that Nay Toe (a) Saw Shwe Htoo, Soe Myint Aung, U Mya Phu and driver Zaw Latt Maung had a plan to go to Mandalay in a white Mark-X.

Saw Myint Lwin set out his trip to Yangon by car on 12 October, carrying two mines and arrived Yangon around 2 pm. He checked in the Traders Hotel in Yangon around 2.30 pm and stayed at room No.921. At 3 am on 13 October, he planted a mine behind the toilet and checked out the hotel around 6 am and went to Tamway Township to meet Aung Moe who is one of his friends during his days at the Shweblue Mining Company. Around 12 noon, Saw Myint Lwin visited downtown Yangon and arrived back the house of Aung Moe around 4.30 pm. At 6 pm, he had a dinner together with Aung Moe and his wife at Shwe Kaung Restaurant.

Saw Myint Lwin also drove to Western Park II Restaurant in Ahlon Township at 7.30 pm together with Taxi drivers Aung Min Oo and Aung Hsuan Lin. He brought the remaining mine in his rucksack in the taxi, hiding under a black polyethylene bag and planted under the table No 19. He hired the taxi to Bago at K 70,000 around 10 pm and arrived at Bago around midnight. He spent the night at the house of U Thein Win, an owner of the gold mine and his friend living near the Shwe mawdaw Pagoda.

At 7 am on 14 October, he left Bago for Birlin and arrived at Birlin around 9 am. While staying at the house of U Mya Phu, he was arrested by police on 15 October. He was brought to Yangon Region Police Force Office and was under interrogation at the office.

The MPF Chief explained facts about taxi driver Aung Min Oo de- ranged together with Saw Myint Lwin, Aung Moe from at Kaytattal village of Kawkaw township transported his friend Saw Myint Lwin to a Coffee Shop at the top of Hitachi in Kyauktada Township from the National Races Village in Thakayta Township on noon on 13 October. Then, he went back to Aung Moe’s apart- ment at No.31 (right) on fourth floor on 94th Street Kanbaung ward of Mingala Taungnyunt Township. Then, Aung San Lin, Aung Moe and his wife and Saw Myint Lwin had a dinner at Saw Kaung Hot Pot Restau- rant in Bahan Township at 6 pm, and then Aung Moe and his wife departed there. At 7.30 pm Aung San Lin and Saw Myint Lwin proceed to Western Park II Restaurant in Ahlon Town- ship. At 10 pm, they left the

Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Zaw Win replying to questions.—MNA
DANGER OF FIRE FROM FIREWORKS

YANGON, 18 Oct — Fireworks may cause outbreak of fire when it falls on buildings of residence in Yangon.

The local people and children played fireworks and teased the people one another particularly women and girls.

At present, fireworks and fire crackers are on sales at the roads and shops across the nation.

In Ward 7 of Hlinethaya Township, some local people young and adult played fireworks and fire crackers noisily as of 14 October.

The noisy activity of fireworks caused anxiety to students sitting for the basic education examinations.

If the fireworks fall on the roofs of huts, fire may break out accidentally.

Most of the people wish to prohibit the play of fireworks in time.

KYEMON-THAIK (Hlinethaya)

ROADS INUNDATED IN AHLON TOWNSHIP

YANGON, 18 Oct — The heavy rain yesterday hit Ahlon Township of Yangon West District.

Overflow of drains caused inundation over the roads in the township.

Vehicles forced their way along Strand Road in Ahlon Township of Yangon Region due to inundation.

KYEMON-TIN MAUNG OO (Ahlon)

RELIGIOUS OBJECTS ENSHRINED AT REPLIC A OF BUDDHA FOOTPRINT

TAUNGGYI, 18 Oct — A ceremony to enshrine religious objects into the replica of Buddha footprint made of marble was held at Çulamuni Lawka Chantha Pagoda in Taunggyi of Shan State on 15 October morning.

Chairman of State Sangha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Paññasiri administered the Five Precepts.

Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat and officials donated religious objects to members of the Sangha.

Next, members of the Sangha, the Chief Minister and State level officials placed religious objects into the Buddha footprint.

Members of the Sangha, the Chief Minister and officials recited religious verses. Also present on the occasion were Daw Phyu Phyu Nyunt, wife of the Chief Minister, the Speaker of State Bluttaw, the Chief Justice of the State High Court, state ministers, the Advocate-General of the State, the chairman of Leading Body for Pa-O Self-Administered Zone, the State Minister for Bamar National Race Affairs, departmental officials and wellwishers.

KYEMON-Intharlay (Taunggyi)

INTERNATIONAL WHITE CANE DAY OBSERVED IN MANDALAY

MANDALAY, 18 Oct — The third walking race in commemoration of the International White Cane Day which falls on 15 October was held in Mandalay on 15 October morning.

The participants started the walking race from the Zaygyodaw Clock Tower to the City Hall.

The commemoration walking race was participated by those from schools for the blind of Sagaing, PyinOoLwin, Pakokku and Myaung townships, and those from Khikara, Jikwondo, Kyey Sin Cho, Myitta Shin, Shwe Pann Eim, Shwe Min Thar Foundation and Mingala groups, totalling 212 and 108 supporters.

Their walking race was encouraged by local people along the route. Those who participated in the race was served with breakfast.

The ceremony to mark the International White Cane Day was held at the venue, Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Moung spoke words of thanks.

The Mandalay Region Minister for Planning and Economic presented commemorative cup and gifts to the participants and accepted cash donations from wellwishers.

Later, the band troupe performed entertainment to those present.

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MAN ARRESTED OVER STABBING NEIGHBOR TO DEATH

WUNDWIN, 18 Oct — Police arrested a man who stabbed a 32-year-old man of the same village to death in Kanpetle village of Wundwin Township yesterday night.

Police said Win Soe (a) Maung Me stabbed Maung Htwe in the back while the victim was watching TV at the house of Ma Khin Pu together with her at about 7.30 pm on that day and fled the scene. The victim with the stab wound to his back was pronounced death on the spot, police added. According to the confession of the suspect, the criminal act was attributed to an argument they had a few days ago over supplying water to a chili plantation.

Win Soe (a) Maung Me was charged with the murder of Maung Htwe at Pintale Police Station.

U TIN HLAING-MEIKTILA

STIMULANT TABLETS WORTH OVER 30 MILLION RUPEES SEIZED IN MIZORAM STATE

TAUNGGYI, 18 Oct — Pseudo-ephedrine stimulants worth over 30 million rupees were seized by Mizoram State Police Force of India recently.

The stimulant would be imported to Myanmar.

The authorities searched the cargo vehicle with the load of brick and cement from Assam State of India at the checkpoint in Mizoram State on 7 October.

The anti-drug squad of th state arrested two Mizoramese believed to be owner of 367 Kg of India-made pseudo-ephedrine.

On 8 October, the checkpoint also seized 120 kg pseudo-ephedrine tablets from the lorry.

A large number of pseudo-ephedrine made in India to use it in catch of cold in the past were exported to Myanmar. In importing the drug to Myanmar, both Myanmar and local people were arrested in India.

KYEMON-ZO HAE HUA (Chin Hill)

PRESIDENT OF MYANMAR JUDO FEDERATION U TUN TUN ON 17 OCTOBER MORNING PRESENTS PRIZE TO A WINNER IN PRE-SEA GAMES JUDO TEST MATCH 2013 IN THE PARTICIPATION OF PLAYERS OF MYANMAR, LAOS, VIETNAM AND THE PHILIPPINES

KYEMON
Floods kill 152 people, affect 418,770 families in Cambodia

PHnom Penh, 18 Oct — The Mekong River and flash floods have killed at least 152 people and affected 418,770 families in 20 provinces in Cambodia, disaster control officials said Friday.

Pon Narith, Secretary General of the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), said floods have hit the country twice this year between August and October. The first flood killed 13 people and the second one claimed 139 lives.

Besides, 27,500 families have been forced to flee homes for higher grounds, he said at a flood impact evaluation meeting, adding that some 208,200 houses, 1,390 schools, and 500 pagodas have been submerged.

Moreover, 300,500 hectares of rice paddy have been inundated, in which 28,100 hectares were completely damaged, he said. Also, about 241 kilometres of national roads and over 3,100 kilometres of gravel roads have been affected.

NCDM’s Vice-President Vนม Thana said at the meeting that floodwaters had receded in most areas and, now, it was the time to consider the post-flood rehabilitation.

“This year’s flood is as bad as that in 2011,” he said. “It is estimated to cost the country at a similar amount to that in 2011.”

Xinhua

Five new nonpermanent members elected for UN Security Council

NEW YORK, 18 Oct — Saudi Arabia, Chad, Nigeria, Lithuania and Chile became the newest nonpermanent members of the Security Council on Thursday after being elected by the General Assembly in an uncontested race.

Saudi Arabia, which received 176 votes, will represent the Asia-Pacific region replacing outgoing member, Pakistan. The first-time seat holder will serve a two-year term from 1 January.

“We bring the unique ability to represent all Asia in the West and in the East, the developed part of Asia and the developing part of Asia because we have great connections with our fellow members of Asia Pacific,” Saudi Arabian Ambassador Abdallah Al-Mouhalimi, told Kyodo News, adding that he recognized their concerns for development and peace in the region.

Each fall elections are held to replace five of the ten nonpermanent members whose terms come to an end on 31 December. Chad and Lithuania, representing the African and Eastern European regions respectively, were also selected to begin their first terms on the 15 member council. Chad received 184 votes and Lithuania garnered 187 votes.

Nigeria, which has served as a council member four times previously, most recently from 2010-2011, was backed by 186 votes. For the Latin American and Caribbean states, Chile was the sole candidate receiving 186 votes. It has also served four previous terms, mostly recently in 2003-2004.

In addition to Pakistan, the new nonpermanent members replace outgoing Azerbaijan, Guatemala, Morocco and Togo. Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States, comprise the body’s five permanent members and have veto wielding rights.

Japan is planning to run in the 2015 election for the 2016-2017 term.

Kyodo News

Jets bomb eastern Syrian city after intelligence general killed

BEIRUT, 18 Oct — Syrian air forces bombed the eastern city of Deir al-Zor on Friday after heavy overnight clashes and the killing of one of President Bashar al-Assad’s top military intelligence officers, activists said.

General Jama’a Jama’a was shot dead on Thursday by snipers in the midst of a battle with rebels including forces linked to al Qaeda, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

His death, celebrated by rebels and opposition activists, marked a significant setback for Assad’s bid to retain a hold over the city, capital of the oil and gas-producing province.

A death notice published on Facebook said Jama’a’s body was being flown back for burial on Friday in his home village of Zama in the mountains overlooking the Mediterranean Sea - the heartland of Assad’s Alawite sect.

Syria’s 2-1/2-year civil war began as a peaceful protest movement but has degenerated into a brutal civil war with sectarian dimensions. Syria’s Sunni Muslim majority has largely joined the uprising against four decades of Assad family rule. Minority sects such as the Alawites, an offshoot of Shi’ite Islam, have largely stood behind the president.

Jama’a, 59, had served as Syria’s top military intelligence officer in Lebanon until Damascus withdrew its forces from its smaller neighbor under intense international pressure in 2005.

The withdrawal followed the February 14, 2005 assassination of Lebanon’s former prime minister Rafik al-Hariri, a killing widely blamed at the time on Syria, and for which Jama’a himself was investigated, the Observatory said.

Jama’a was then appointed chief of military intelligence in Deir al-Zor, a prominent and sensitive position because of the flow of Sunni militants across the border into Iraq where insurgents were fighting US and Iraqi Shi’ite forces.

In August 2011, five months after protests first erupted against Assad, the European Union imposed sanctions on Jama’a for his role in “repression and violence against the civilian population.”

Activists say dozens of rebels and pro-Assad forces have been killed this week in heavy fighting around Deir al-Zor.

The Observatory reported clashes overnight in several districts of the city overnight and said rebels from the al-Qaeda-linked Nusra Front executed 10 soldiers they captured in the Rashidiyah District, where Jama’a was killed on Thursday.

Reuters

Five Yemeni soldiers killed in suicide attack on military base

ADEN, 18 Oct — A suicide bomber killed at least five Yemeni soldiers on Friday in a suspected Islamist militant attack on a military base in the south of the country, a Yemeni military official said.

Militants linked to Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) are increasingly targeting Yemeni army facilities in the U.S.-allied state, which shares a long border with Saudi Arabia, the world’s top oil exporter, and flanks major shipping lanes.

The military official said the bomber drove a car laden with explosives and blew himself up at the gate of the army camp in Ahwar, an area in the southern province of Abyan.

Other militants attacked soldiers in the camp with machineguns and rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs), the source said, adding that 15 soldiers were wounded in the clashes.

The military official gave no detail on any casualities among the militants, but said the fighting was still going on.

Reuters
**Apple fans prefer iPhone 5s to plastic-backed 5c**

**BEIJING**, 18 Oct—Apple has told manufacturers it will reduce orders for the iPhone 5c in the final three months of the year, a source familiar with Apple’s supply chain quoted by US media as saying. Hon Hai Precision Industry, one of Apple’s major assembly contractors for the iPhone 5c, had its orders for the same period reduced by a third, but at the same time, Apple raised orders for the 5s in the fourth quarter, according to a report from Wall Street Journal.

Analysts said the decision by consumers to spend more on the pricier iPhone 5s benefits Apple. The company’s shares rose on Wednesday, touching a one-month high of more than 502 US dollars. The reception for the 5c has been lukewarm in China, which chief executive Tim Cook has identified as one of Apple’s most important markets. Some local bloggers say the price difference between the 5c and 5s is too narrow.

In China, the iPhone 5c is 130 US dollars cheaper than the premium 5s, which starts at 869 US dollars for the 16-gigabyte model. As far as emerging markets, the 5c is simply not cheap enough to gain attraction with customers that can buy $150 Android devices,” said Morningstar analyst Brian Colello. Apple is expected to sell 33 million to 36 million iPhones in its fiscal fourth quarter, rising to more than 50 million in the typically strong holiday quarter, which will mark the first full quarter of sales of the new iPhones.

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**Chinese scientists achieve Internet access through lightbulbs**

**SHANGHAI**, 18 Oct—Successful experiments by Chinese scientists have indicated the possibility of the country’s netizens getting online through signals sent by lightbulbs (LiFi), instead of WiFi. Four computers under a one-watt LED lightbulb may connect to the Internet under the principle that light can be used as a carrier instead of traditional radio frequencies, as in WiFi, said Chi Nan, an information technology professor with Shanghai’s Fudan University, on Thursday.

A lightbulb with embedded microchips can produce data rates as fast as 150 megabits per second, which is speedier than the average broadband connection in China, said Chi, who leads a LiFi research team including scientists from the Shanghai Institute of Technical Physics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

With LiFi cost-effective as well as efficient, netizens should be excited to view 10 sample LiFi kits that will be on display at the China International Industry Fair that will kick off on 5 November in Shanghai. The current wireless signal transmission equipment is expensive and low in efficiency, said Chi. “As for cell phones, millions of base stations have been established around the world to strengthen the signal but most of the energy is consumed on their cooling systems,” she explained. “The energy utilization rate is not high enough. If paired with base stations, the number of lightbulbs that can be used is practically limitless.”

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**Australian scientists use 3D printing for improving racehorse’s performance**

**CANBERRA**, 18 Oct—Australian scientists have custom made and 3D printed a set of titanium shoes for one Melbourne racehorse to improve its racing performance, according to a latest research statement from CSIRO, Australia’s national science body, on Thursday.

Traditionally made from aluminum, a horse-shoe can weigh up to one kilogram but the horse’s trainer John Moloney said that the ultimate race shoe should be as light weight as possible. “Any extra weight in the horseshoe will slow the horse down. These titanium shoes could take up to half of the weight off a traditional aluminum shoe, which means a horse could travel at new speeds,” John Moloney said. According to the statement, using 3D modeling software, the scan was used to design the perfect fitting, lightweight racing shoe and four customized shoes were printed within only a few hours.

CSIRO’s titanium expert John Barnes confirmed that the possibilities really are endless with this technology.

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**Twitter hires Google executive as head of retail**

**BANGALORE**, 18 Oct—Twitter Inc has hired an advertising executive from Google Inc to head its retail division, as the online messaging company ramps up hiring and works to expand its business ahead of an initial public offering.

Bloomberg reported on Wednesday.

JH Hirschle, who directed media and entertainment advertising at Google, will be responsible for the team selling advertising products to retail companies, the agency said, citing Will Stuckey, a spokesperson for Twitter. Hirschle is to start on 28 October, the same day Twitter is expected to kick off its investor roadshow where it will pitch its offering to Wall Street before shares start trading in mid-November.

Since Twitter was spun out of a struggling San Francisco startup in 2006, it has grown to about 2,300 employees as of September. Twitter could not immediately be reached for comment by Reuters outside of regular US business hours.
**Sons of older fathers have normal brainpower**

New York, 18 Oct—By the time they reach their 20s, sons born to older fathers and those who were born to younger men score about the same on intelligence tests, a new Danish study finds. Whatever negative biological effects a father’s age might have on his child may be offset by the benefits of being raised by a better educated and financially stable older father, researchers said.

“Our results are reassuring for older fathers,” Liselotte Petersen, the study’s lead author, told Reuters Health in an email. “Our finding is that any potentially deleterious effects of older fathers on general cognitive ability, as young adults may be counter-balanced.”

Petersen, an associate professor at Aarhus University in Denmark, said previous studies have suggested that the children of older fathers are more likely to be diagnosed with autism and schizophrenia. That led Petersen and her colleagues to suspect that the children of older fathers may also have lower intelligence scores.

For the study, they used data collected from 169,009 men born after 1955. The goal was to see if there were any differences in intelligence related to how old their fathers were at the time of their birth. The researchers used the participants’ scores from the intelligence test that’s required by the Danish conscription system. Each participant took the test when he was about 20 years old. The study’s participants’ average score was 42, which is about the same as that of the general Danish population.

The study appeared to show that the children born to teenagers or to fathers over age 35 scored lower on the intelligence test, compared to the children of fathers in their mid to late 20s. But the difference disappeared when Petersen and her colleagues controlled those scores to account for the parents’ education levels, the children’s birth order, the mother’s age and the year the test was administered.

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Scientists found that in people with a large amount of belly fat, the liver needs to use more PPARalpha, a certain protein, to work over-time to burn belly fat, while the brain already uses PPARalpha process memory as well. The process of burning fat essentially depletes the brain of PPAR alpha, thus hindering memory and learning, said researchers at Rush University Medical Centre in Chicago.

Researchers raised mice that were deficient in PPARalpha. Some mice had normal PPARalpha in the liver but depleted PPARalpha in the brain, and had poor memory and learning abilities. Others had normal PPARalpha in the brain but not the liver, and showed normal memory, as expected. When the researchers injected PPARalpha into the brains of PPARalpha-deficient mice, their learning and memory improved.

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The world’s largest maker of cancer drugs said quarterly sales rose to 11.57 billion Swiss francs (SFr12.63 billion), compared with the average analyst forecast of 11.54 billion francs in a Reuters poll.

Roche’s drugs business has so far been shielded from a wave of patent expiries that have hit rivals, as most of its top-selling medicines are biotech drugs containing proteins derived from living organisms that are hard to copy and command higher prices. Sales of its older cancer medicines Rituxan and Herceptin continued to gain momentum in the quarter, rising 12 percent and 7 percent respectively, while Avastin benefited from increased use in ovarian and colorectal cancers.

The Basel-based drugmaker said followers of medicines — improved versions of its top-sellers — which it hopes will help to fend off anticipated competition from a so-called biosimilar copies when its older drugs go off patent. Among those newer drugs, Roche said sales of Kazalim for an aggressive form of breast cancer which won US approval in February, were 56 percent higher in the first nine months of the year, up from 83 million in the first half.

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A mine blasted on the first floor of Shwepyaeoene Hotel in Saging at 3.30 pm on 15 October and another one blasted at the car parking of SunOonPoreNyShin Pagoda on Saging Hill and there were no casualties in the blasts. According to the investigation of the police, Nay Toe (a) Saw Shwe Htoo and Zaw Latt Maung stayed at the Shwepyaeoene Hotel, and according to the CCTV record at the pagoda, a Mark-X6-Ga9548 was parked there.

Zaw Latt Maung and U Mya Phu who are also responsible for the blasts were arrested by Mon State Police Force thanks to the cooperation of the KNU. They have already been handed over to the Yangon Region Police Force on 16 October.

According to Zaw Latt Maung, the blasts in Mandalay and Sagaing were confirmed, and Nay Toe (a) Saw Shwe Htoo and Zaw Latt Maung toured around Toungoo, NyaungU, Magway and Popa. For the safety of the people, the Myanmar Police Force and bomb disposal squads cleared the suspect places.

Regarding the explosive materials, the Chief of Myanmar Police Force said explosive materials found at the blast in Pyu on 9 October, the blast in Channay Pyay Guest House in Toungoo on 11 October, the blast at Saw Bawgyiong in Insein Township on 13 October and the blast at Manyar Ward in Thakayta Township on 12 October have suggested that the each destruction used 0.5 pounds of TNT, yellow, white colour wire which is about 10 ft long, 9 Volt Bat-tery, black sticker and a clock. It was found that four time bombs and one mine were used in the blasts. Myanmar Police Force said according to the explosive materials, an organization or an individual person planted the mines.

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Oxygen cylinders donated to social services association in Mandalay


U Aung Soe Myint-Daw Win Ma Ma Maw and family at the corner of 80th and 37th Streets donated K 310,000 for two oxygen cylinders, U Ohn Maung-Daw Chit Chit family of Yinbyan ward K 155,000 for one oxygen cylinder, U Hla Chein-Daw Mya Ohn family (Kyaukme) K 155,000 for one cylinder and Ko Kyaw Wai Myint (a) U Kyauk Khe-Ma Win Nu Wah family in memory of U Kyi K 100,000.

Chairman of the association U Tha Hlaing and Secretary U Win Shwe accepted the donations and returned certificates of honour to wellwishers.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Extension of warehouse fire put out within five minutes

Dawei, 18 Oct—The Coordinator of the Alliance Cycling Group which is Myanmar-Thai friendship Dawei amateur cyclist team entered Myanmar through Hikhee-Myitta Road in Tanintharyi Region from Phynan of Kanchanaburi of Thailand on 14 October. They arrived at Dawei Deep Sea Port via Myitta Sub-Township and proceeded to Dawei on 15 October as a goodwill visit. They spent a night of 16 October at the deep Sea Port. On arrival at Maungmagam Beach, they held the festivities and demonstrated on cycling and went back to Dawei Deep Sea Port.

On 17 October, they arrived at Dawei from the sea port. They were welcomed by Tanintharyi Region Minister for Forestry and Mining U Tin Soe and Region Minister for Development Affairs U Aung Kyaw Kyaw who welcomed the cyclists at the region gymnasium.

A cyclist from the amateur cycling team said that he thanked the host for warm welcome. He saw greater progress of Myanmar more than he thought. Along the route to Myanmar and in Myanmar, he enjoyed panoramic views of the mountain ranges and forests. He said he felt warm welcome of Myanmar nationals just as his families. He invited the officials to pay a visit to Thailand.

The cyclist team visited the city hall in Dawei and paid homage to Shin Mohi, Shwe Thalyaung reclining Buddha Image, Lawkamarazein Pagoda and Shindatwe Pagoda in Dawei.

Thadingyut lighting festival in Yekyaw

Yangon, 18 Oct—The Thadingyut lighting festival will be held near Yekyaw Road in Pauzandaung Township in Yangon Region from 16 to 20 October.

The lighting festival has been held there since 1974 in line with Myanmar tradition. At present, families of globetrotters, local people here and there went shopping and enjoyed beautiful night scene of colourful lighting along Yekyaw Road. The roadside shops were crowded with visitors and merry-makers during the lighting festival.

MMAL-Soe Win (SP)

Kidney dialysis, water purifier wellwisher honoured

Meiktila, 18 Oct.—A kidney dialysis and one water purifier to Meiktila District General Hospital was held at the hall of the hospital on 17 October morning.

Wellwisher Major Sein Win (Rtd) explained the purpose of donations and handed over documents related to kidney dialysis and water purifier worth K 23 million to Medical Superintendent Dr Myint Aye who returned certificate of honour to the wellwisher.

Deputy Commissioner of the district U Tin Maung Soe, Township Administrator U Myo Hlaing, physicians U Aung Kyaw Soe and Daw Win May Thein, members of the hospital supervisory committee U Win and U Myo Lwin, and wellwisher Major Win Lwin (Rtd) viewed installation of the kidney dialysis and water purifier. After that, Medical Superintendent Dr Myint Aye conducted them round the district hospital.

MMAL-Thein Myint Kyaw (Meiktila)

Kidney dialysis, water purifier wellwisher honoured

MMAL-Soe Win (SP)

Security Measures

Thai-Myanmar friendship bridge inspected

Tachilek, 18 Oct.—Shan State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Thu looked into security of the checkpoint of Thai-Myanmar friendship bridge on 16 October.

The state minister inspected activities of the checkpoint seeing to it that whether Myanmar, Thai and citizens of other countries illegally carry arms and ammunition and explosive materials.

The bridge is located in Tachilek of Shan State (East).

At the meeting hall of Mekong River Hotel, the state minister met deputy commissioners of district General Administration Departments and commanders of district Police Forces from Tachilek, Kengtung, Mongpyhat and Monghsat Districts of Shan State (East).

In the meeting, the state minister for Security and Border Affairs discussed security measures and gave necessary instructions on works.—MMAL-Myintmo (Tachilek)

Thadingyut lighting festival in Yekyaw

Night scene of Yekyaw lighting festival seen at night of 16 October.

Oxygen cylinders donated to social services association in Mandalay

MMAL-Soe Win (SP)

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Fire

Overheat of wire causes fire in Pwintbyu

Pwintbyu, 18 Oct.—A fire broke out at the house of the staff officer of Forest Department in Pwintbyu Township of Magway Region at 1 am on 16 October.

The fire started from overheat of wire connected with the electric meter box of the staff officer next to the Township Forest Department.

The fire engulfed the house of staff officer and the office of the Forest Department.

Members of Township Fire Services Department put out the fire in time and could die it down at 2.30 am.

Two buildings were blazing in the fire.

Indeed, it should not use old and damaged wires for supply of electricity at the buildings.—MMAL-Khin Maung Huay (Pwintbyu)
Thadingyut, happy time

Indra and the King of Asuras, the son-in-law and his father-in-law, have finally agreed to cease fire after nearly five-month-long thunderclash, bringing down the curtain on monsoon and ushering us into Thadingyut which we call open season.

Myanmar legend derived from Hindu Mythology has it that monsoon is the time of battle in the celestial abode between Asuras and Devas. Indra, the king of Devas, marries the daughter of the King of Asuras against his will and kicked his father-in-law along with his gang, who indulge themselves in the bottles of booze, out of their apartment to another one on the lower floor of the celestial condominium.

The two apartments are as alike as two peas except that red ‘Kathit’ flowers blossom in the original flat of Asuras and white ‘Thakut’ flowers in their new home. Asuras are always too drunk to notice that the apartment they are living in is not theirs until the white ‘Thakut’ flowers bloom. Then they march to the Indra’s to claim back their land confiscated by Devas by force. So, there is lightning, thunder and rain on the earth whenever there is a battle between them, so the story goes.

For children, Thadingyut or lighting festival is as simple as it can be. With schools being closed, they go from home to home to pay respects to elderly relatives in the hope of getting pocket money from them, apart from enjoying themselves in fireworks and firecrackers.

But it is not that simple for single men in love. Weddings are somewhat part and parcel of Thadingyut for marriages are not usually held in monsoon during the Buddhist Lent. While some men who can afford to tie the knot with their girl friends to build a two-people Union are eagerly anticipating the wedding night, some who have not saved enough for wedding after promising their girlfriends a wedding ring in Thadingyut need to invent this and that excuse to mollify their other halves.

Meanwhile, Thadingyut is a hard time for bachelors and spinsters who are always confronted with the same question of their friends and relatives at this particular time of year ‘When exactly can we eat your wedding feast?’ Uncomfortable, left over men and ladies feel under the scorching Thadingyut sunlight while fanning themselves with wedding invitations in desperation.

No matter what age group you are in, religious significance, social significance of paying respects to the elderly persons, illuminations, fireworks, and finally weddings and revelers on the streets will put you in cheerful and festive mood. Happy Thadingyut to you all!

Vice-President U Nyan Tun meets Dy General Manager from Export-Import Bank of China

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct—Vice-President U Nyan Tun received a delegation led by Deputy General Manager Mr Mei Jianping from the Export-Import Bank of China at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

They cordially discussed promotion of cooperation in banking and monetary sectors for rural development, agricultural, electricity, transport, communications, rail transportation and energy sectors and cooperation in economic development of both countries based on amity between the two countries.

Present at the call together with the Vice-President were Union Ministers U Kyaw Hsan, U Win Shein, Dr Kan Zaw and U Than Htay and Deputy Minister U Thant Kyaw. The Chinese delegation was accompanied by Chargé d’ Affaires a.i. Mr Chen Chen from the Chinese Embassy.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Chairman of Nippon Foundation

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thu U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by Chairman of Nippon Foundation of Japan Mr Yohei SASAKAWA at the hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw of Hluttaw Complex, here, this morning.

Also present were Chairmen of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees U Hla Myint and U T Khun Myat, Union Ministers U Khin Soe and U Kyi Htut Win and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

The Japanese delegation was accompanied by Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mikio NUMATA.

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thu U Shwe Mann shakes hands with Chairman of Nippon Foundation of Japan Mr Yohei SASAKAWA.—MNA

Public announcement on resumption of connections with international network

As SMW-3 onshore underground cable of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications was disrupted at 5.15 pm on 10 October, a fault happened to the cable connecting the country to the international network. The repair of disrupted power cable and power cable with poor insulation result was completed on 16 October 2013, and connections with international network returned to normalcy as of 17 October, 2013.

Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications

“Muay” event includes in XXVII SEA Games

YANGON, 18 Oct—The XXVII SEA Games Federation Executive Committee held its special meeting at National Indoor Stadium No. 1 in Thawmawma, here, this morning.

Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaung Hiak sought the advice from the vice-chairmen and members of Asian and SEA Olympic Committee for successful holding of “Muay” event in the coming SEA Games.

Maj-Gen CHA ROUCK, Chairman of Asian Olympic Committee, delegates from 10 SEA countries participated in the discussion.

“Muay” event will be held in XXVII SEA Games under the supervision of South East Asian “Muay” Federation.—MNA
Kyaukse is a booming historic town in Mandalay Region in Upper Myanmar. The literal meaning of Kyaukse is “Elephant valley” because the town is the centre and headquarters of dams and canals, supplying water for dry cultivation in the and areas of Upper Myanmar. Covering an area of 1274 square miles, Kyaukse is bounded by the Myitnge River to the east, the Shan states of Lawksaw and Mon to the west, the Monlong and the Samon Rivers drain the entire Kyaukse area.

Since the time of King Anawrahta of Bagan [1044-1077 AD] the area has been noted as the centre of Ele- ven Economies one where all crops, mainly paddy are grown by dry cultivation, watered by a network of ir- rigations. The Eleven Economies were: (1) Pyinmana (Pyin), (2) Pyinnup (Pyaungbya), (3) Nwadet, (4) Yaungmyo- daing (5) Pyetkaywe (6) Panan (7) Tamok (8) Tuyin (9) Mekya (10) Thadingyut and (11) Kanlu. The great weirs are Kinda, Ngalaing, Pyaungmya, Kunm, Nwedet, Kuze and Ngayyung con- structed by Anawrahta and his successors, and they still exist in service.

Most prominent hills, where the elephant dance originated are Pyetkaywe, Pyaungbya, Kume, Nwedet, Kuze and Ngayyung, constructed by Anawrahta and his successors, and they still exist in service.

As instituted by the Hermit, making elephant figures was not only the arts and crafts on which kings used to in- herit to their successors, but also a living human, kept their livelihood. The queen rescued her and took her up there and a breathtak- ing acrobatics. The accom- panying instrumentalists play and sing elephant song and music. Some- times real tamed ele-phants participate. My- annmar elephants like music and song and hap- py to dance on special occasions.

Today, the entire Kyaukse area is noted for Elephant dance performed specially at the festival of pagodas on the full moon day of Thadingyut and other months.

Thadingyut holds the Elephant dance festival in Kyaukse.

Since then Kyaukse has originated “Elephant dance” for the annual festival of Kyaukse in Shwethalyaung Pagoda on Thadingyut Full- moon Day.

There is yet another legend, much earlier than Anawrahta’s time. It is similar to one of Jataka stories. It runs as follows: In the Kingdom of Kosambi, there ruled a noble King Pathaynaya Ko- sala. His chief Queen was Keythari. One day in winter, she was wearing a red velvet dress with a scarlet shawl and shinning in the noon sun- shine. An enormous garuda size elephant headed bird Heget-Hsin up in the sky, seeing her as a big piece of red meat, dashed down and took her away to its big nest built on a clus- ter of nine banyan trees. Finding that it was not meat but a living human, kept her in the nest. The queen screamed for help. A hermit in search for fruits in the forest rescued her and took her up there. Learning that she was the queen of his younger brother whom he had put on the throne when he abdicated to become a hermit, he kept her in a house built for her and looked after her. When the bird took her she was already pregnant. A baby boy was later born. The king named him U Teyna. The hermit brought him up giving his nephew training in 18 princely arts, so that one day he would succeed to the hermitage. Learning that the king was to be a child of Thadingyut, the hermit also made for him a horse and taught him to hunt both fowl and game and taught him to hunt both fowl and game. He issued a royal order that they should return to the Kyaukse area

Kyaukse Shwethalyaung Pagoda on Thadingyut Full moon Day.

List of annual pagoda festivals in Kyaukse area with elephant dance performances

Shwethalyaung Pagoda........... Thadingyut (October) and Tabagung (March)

2. Dattaw Pagoda.......... Thadingyut (October) and Tabagung (March)

3. Shwesaththa Pagoda........... Thadingyut (October) and Tabagung (February)

4. Pawdawmna Pagoda.......... Thadingyut (October) and Pyatho (January) Tabagung (February)

5. Phalinbo Pagoda............. Tabagung (February)

6. Shinbin-hantha Pagoda.......... Tawthalin (September)

7. Hionbo Pagoda............ Nattaw (December)

8. Andaw Pagoda............ Tazagumnon (November)

9. Thandawmaw Pagoda.......... Tazagumnon (November)

10. Taungdaw Pagoda.......... Tazagumnon (November)

11. Shwermoklaw Pagoda.......... Tabagung (February)

12. Taunggyi Pagoda........... Thadingyut (October)

13. Pandaka Pagoda........... Tazagumnon (November)

14. Matasungla Pagoda.......... Tazagumnon (November)

15. Shwespwintan Pagoda.......... Pyatho (January)

16. Shweminwun Pagoda........... Tazagumnon (November)

17. Shwepanu Pagoda.......... Tabagung (February)

The people who had inherited as their cultural heritage their ancestors not only the arts and crafts of making elephant figures and dummies for religious puja’s and offering but also the performing arts of ele-phant dance, music and songs. White or black richly caparisoned live size ele-phant dummies are skillfully made in which two young men one in the front and the other in the rear manipu- late the dummy elephant realistically, showing all elephant movements and dance postures including acrobatics. Accom- panying instrumentalists play and sing elephant song and music. Some- times real tamed ele-phants participate. My- annmar elephants like music and song and happy to dance on special occasions.

Nearly 20 to 30 men form Elephant Dance Troupe. They have aus- picious names Kyaukse Elephant dance festival
Regional Development

Chin national race affairs minister meets local people in rural area of Kalay

Kalay, 18 Oct—As recent floods destroyed Nandaga Bridge, Hsegyi Bridge, Pyidawtha Bridge and Zeechaung Bridge in Kalay, the local people are facing difficulties in transportation and commercial matters up to now.

Mandalay Region Football Federation Chairman’s Cup U-20 football tournament commences

Mandalay, 18 Oct—The first U-20 football tournament for the Mandalay Region Football Federation Chairman’s Cup was launched at Bahtoo Stadium on 15 October afternoon.

Among the spectators were Mandalay Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Hlaing, Region Auditor-General U Kyaw Win and region, district and township level departmental officials, principals of Sports and Physical Education Institute and Myanmar Football Academy and guests.

Chairman of the Region Football Federation U Maung Ko made an opening speech.

Next, the region minister and the football federation chairman cordially greeted the footballers and referees.

A total of 10 football teams from townships and training schools in the region in two groups are taking part in the tournament up to 9 October.

Kyemon-Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Defence Services medical team provides health care to local people in Mawlu

Mawlu, 18 Oct—A medical team led by Tactical Operations Commander Col Khin Maung Oo of South-West Command gave free medical treatment to local people at the monastery in Myaypalin Village of Mawlu region on 16 October.

Members of mobile medical team giving free health care services to local people.

While the medical team arrived in Myaypalin Village, about 120 local people received medical treatment.

The mobile medical team visited the villages which are very far distance from station hospitals.

The team have provided health care to about 500 people in Myaythaya Village of Mohnyin Township, 120 people in Mawe Village and another 120 people in Myaypalin Village.

Furthermore, the medical team has a plan to god right down to the remote villages.

Kyemon-Ni Toe

Outbreak of Fire

Pyigyidagun Township

Pyigyidagun Township on 16 October afternoon.

The fire left about 110 people from 23 households homeless.

After that, officials accommodated at the relief centre of Moeguang Dhammayon.

About 250 fire fighters put out the fire with the use of 50 fire engines, one management vehicle and one supporting vehicle.

Pyigyidagun Township Myoma Police Station opened a lawsuit against Naing Lin Nyunt under the law for his negligent control over child.

Kyemon-Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)
Search for missing continues, rain forecast on typhoon-hit island

Tokyo, 18 Oct — Police officers, firefighters and Self-Defence Forces officers continued searching on Friday for people still missing on Itoshima Island two days after a powerful typhoon left 23 dead and 26 others missing.

Of the 23 bodies found on the island about 120 kilometres south of Tokyo, 15 have been identified, police and local government officials said.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will visit the island on Sunday, Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsunobu Kato told the day’s news conference.

Thai parliament president expects closer ties with China after Li’s visit

BANGKOK, 18 Oct — Chinese Premier Li Keqiang’s visit to Thailand has forged a closer relationship between the two nations and will bring tangible benefits to both sides, Som- sak Kiatsurairam, president of the Thai parliament said here on Thursday.

In an exclusive interview with Xinhua, the top Thai lawmaker said Li’s “fruitful” visit, which con- cluded on 13 October, has further strengthened the friendly ties between Thai- land and China and boosted their pragmatic cooperation in various fields, especially in high-speed train and agriculture.

Describing China as an “expert” in high-speed train technology, Som- sak, who visited China in April, said he had taken a ride on China’s high- speed trains and witnessed the fast progress it has made in this field.

“China has developed advanced capacities of building high-speed railways, while Thailand abounds with agricultural products such as rice and rubber,” he said, adding that with respective advantages, the two countries can make their cooperation mutually beneficial.

During his three-day visit, Li delivered a 30- minute speech in the Thai parliament, the first by a foreign dignitary in the legislature’s 81-year history. Xinhua

Vietnam to host ASEAN Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise

HANOI, 18 Oct — Vietnam will host the ASEAN Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise (ARDEX-13) on 21-24 Oc- tober, which is expected to strengthen ASEAN’s collective response to massive disasters in the region.

The event, to be held in Hanoi’s Ba Vi District, will test for the first time the operational capability of the ASEAN Coordinat- ing Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Cent- er) since its establishment in November 2011.

Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Hoang Trung Hai will directly su- pervise the event which is jointly organized by the Vietnamese National Committee for Search and Rescue (VINASARCOM), the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), and AHA Centre, State-run Vietnam News Agency (VNA) reported on Thursday. ARDEX-2013 will focus on four targets, in which participants would exchange information in case of disasters and perfect entry procedures in a fast and secure manner to carry out emergency relief, de- fine challenges and assess possibilities for cooperation in response to urgent situa- tions.

Ten ASEAN member states will join the exercise, of which seven will deploy forces and three others send observers. Around 2,500 people will take part in the event, which will deploy two helicopters, 23 canoes and vessels, one military bridge, 245 cars, and 359 search equipment and medical devices.

ARDEX is organized and based on the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emer- gency Response (AAD- MER), which mandates the strengthening of the emergency response to disaster and humanitarian assistance coordination, reported VNA quoted sources from the ASEAN Secretariat.

Cyclone death toll rises to 38 in eastern India

NEW DELHI, 18 Oct — Indian authorities Thursday said the death toll in last week’s powerful tropical cyclone in the eastern state of Odisha rose to 38.

“So far, 38 bodies have been found in Odisha even as flood waters are still re- ceding in many districts. The Indian Army, the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force personnel are helping with the relief work,” a sen- ior police official said on condition of anonymity.

The cyclone, nick- named Phailin, made landfall in Odisha and the neighbouring southern state of Andhra Pradesh at 9.30 pm (local time) Saturday with wind speed of nearly 200 km/h, causing heavy rainfall and sending seawaters surging inland.

The storm snapped communication, power lines and uprooted trees, and damaged properties and crops worth billions of rupees.

In 1999, a similar cy- clone killed more than 10,000 people in Odisha. But this time, the death toll has been low thanks to the preparedness of disaster reduction officials.

“We have been able to (keep) the death toll to a bare minimum,” M.S. Red- dy of the National Disaster Management Authority had told the media in the nation- al capital Monday.

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had also said the primary aim was to minimize loss of human lives which has been done successfully.

“Property to the tune of several crores has been damaged. Rehabilitation will now be done,” he said.

Indonesia calls on countries to avert using cyberspace for war

JAKARTA, 18 Oct — Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa reiterated the importance of global cooperation aimed at assur- ing countries in the world to avert using cyberspace for war and rivalry.

The minister’s call was conveyed in his speech to address the 2-day inter- national annual event of Conference on Cyberspace commenced in Seoul, South Korea on Thursday.

The annual conference on Cyberspace themed “Global Prosperity through an Open and Secure Cyberspace: Opportunities, Threats and Cooperation” was the third after the ones held in London, England and Budapest, Hungary in 2011 and 2012. It was at- tended by delegates from 90 countries with presence of 26 ministerial officers.

“Indonesia points out the importance of building mutual trust as paradigm and approach for countries in seeing cyberspace,” the minister said in a statement released by the foreign af- fairs ministry.

Marty added that cy- berspace provides huge op- portunities for all nations to build up peace and prosper- ity.

“Cyberspace should be used as a tool to build up partnership between coun- tries that would eventually bring mutual advance- ment,” he said.

People attend the World Chinese Writers Conference 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 17 Oct, 2013. The event held by World Association of Chinese Writers is being attended by over 300 participants from 35 countries and regions.—Xinhua
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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.

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**Drug abuse, illicit guns threaten security, youths in Kenya**

**KIATLE, 18 Oct—**

Kenya has deployed three special security units to crackdown on increased use of drugs and illicit guns threatening security and spoiling unemployed youths in counties in north-west Kenya.

The move followed concerns from tribal leaders over the widespread drug abuse and existence of illegal guns fueling crime and deteriorating security.

Trans-Nzoia County Police Commander Lilian Okembo said on Wednesday that security forces have been posted to the county to counter the emerging security threats blamed on the use of drugs and illegal guns.

Poverty and lack of employment is forcing many young Kenyans to resort to criminal activities to eke a living.

Drug abuse among the youth has gained root and heightened crime in the two counties, where leaders are worried that the menace will be getting worse unless drastic measures are put in place.

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**Drugs bust alleged Hong Kong-linked drug smuggling syndicate**

**WELLINGTON, 18 Oct—**

New Zealand Police and Customs officials said Thursday they had seized methamphetamine valued at 2 million NZ dollars (1.68 million US dollars) that was smuggled from Hong Kong in LED lighting panels.

A joint operation involving more than 40 investigators resulted in a raid Wednesday on a Wellington house and two other lower North Island premises, where they found 2 kg of the “high purity” drug, more than 20,000 NZ dollars in cash and a BMW and a Mercedes motor vehicle, said a statement from the two law enforcement agencies.

Four men aged from 36 to 52 years and a woman aged 39 were arrested and alleged to be part of a syndicate importing illegal drugs.

Police Minister Anne Tolley and Customs Minister Maurice Williamson said the raid sent a strong warning to those involved in the drug trade. “There is no place for these despicable drugs in our communities,” Tolley said in a statement. “Police and Customs are working together to share intelligence, and they are getting great results.”

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**“Supply of equipment for a Crisis Response Centre in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar”**

**Publication reference : EuropeAid/135164/L/SUP/MM**

The European Commission intends to award 1 or more supply contracts for the supply delivery, installation and putting into operation of the following lots: Lot 1: ICT equipment; Lot 2: Office furniture; Lot 3: Air conditioning units; Lot 4: Generator; Lot 5: Extended warranty, for a work space of ± 400m² in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, with financial assistance from the Instrument for Stability Programme of the European Union. The tender dossier is available from the EU Delegation to Myanmar, 45 Inya Myaing Road, Golden valley (2) Ward, Bahan Township, Yangon and will also be published on the EuropeAid website: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?id=public.welcome and on the Myanmar Delegation website: http://eeps.europa.eu/delegations/myanmar/parties/contracts/tenders/tender/index.en.htm. The deadline for submission of tenders is 18/11/2013. Possible additional information or clarifications/questions shall be published on the above websites.

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**Ministry of Energy**

**Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise**

**Invitation for Open Tender (2/2013)**

1. Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United State Dollar (CIF Yangon) and Myanmar Kyats.

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Hindi remake of Escape Plan in the works

NEW DELHI, 18 Oct—PVR Pictures, which is distributing Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger’s Escape Plan, is in the final stage of talks to bag the Hindi remake rights of the Hollywood action thriller.

And if all goes as planned, honchos at PVR are keen to cast Desi Boyz stars John Abraham and Akshay Kumar in the lead roles in the Hindi version, said a source close to the production and distribution giant.

After talks spread over three months, the deal is said to be almost in the final stages of closure. The adaptation process may start as early as December and the film can go on the floors mid 2014.

Commenting on the development, an official representative of PVR Pictures said: “We are taking the rights of Escape Plan to be remake in Hindi. Bollywood has a huge appetite for action movies and we feel that finally the audience deserves to watch a true action film. Arnold and Sylvester are both the biggest action stars alive and we wish to cast someone for the Hindi version who is a great fit for each of the roles.”

The representative said that “the convenience of the story and the plot” can easily be adapted for the Indian audiences.

“We are certain that this will make for a movie that audiences will look out for. Escape Plan has already been earning rave reviews in the US, and we feel that this coupled with power of the story makes for a rather interesting project for us to be involved with,” the official said.

Jamie Foxx denies dating Katie Holmes

LOS ANGELES, 18 Oct—Actor Jamie Foxx has rubbished reports that he is dating Katie Holmes.

The dating rumours started doing the round after the Django Unchained star and Holmes, who divorced husband Tom Cruise last year, danced at a charity event in August.

“(The rumors) are one hundred per cent not true. In fact, it’s quite hilarious because we simply danced at a charity event along with a lot of other people,” Foxx told Entertainment Tonight.

Actor Jamie Foxx both attended the 4th annual Apollo in the Hamptons benefit in East Hampton, New York in August. According to reports at that time, Holmes pulled Foxx and Ellen DeGeneres in to join her in austin’s move to hits like Lenny Kravitz’s American Woman and Robin Thicke’s Blurred Lines.

Jennifer Lopez, Casper Smart headed for a split?

LOS ANGELES, 18 Oct—Jennifer Lopez and her toy-boy lover Casper Smart’s relationship has reportedly hit a rough patch.

Lopez and Smart have been dating for nearly two years but it is being said they have been fighting a lot recently, reported E! News.

“Things are not going well at the moment. They are bickering and it’s clear to the people around them that there is an irritation between them at the moment.

Lopez is currently judging the reality show American Idol. The couple was last photographed out in public on 21 September.

Nicole Scherzinger, Lewis Hamilton meet secretly

LOS ANGELES, 18 Oct—Singer Nicole Scherzinger and Formula 1 driver Lewis Hamilton reportedly had a secret meeting at a hotel in Los Angeles, seven, with her ex-husband Kevin Federline, who has two sons. Sean Preston, eight, and Jayden James, seven, with her ex-husband Kevin Federline, hopes to get married again, reports contactmusic.com.

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Lady Gaga shoots holiday TV special with The Muppets

LOS ANGELES, 18 Oct—Pop star Lady Gaga is reuniting with the animated characters of The Muppets to shoot a television holiday special for ABC.

The 27-year-old recently filmed a secret Christmas TV special with Jim Henson’s puppet characters in Los Angeles and the show is due to air in December, reports online.com.

Gaga previously befriended Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy while shooting a cameo in 2011’s The Muppets movie, but her appearance was cut from the final edit.

She also took Kermit the Frog as her date to the 2004 MTV Video Music Awards.—PTI

Britney Spears

Pop star Lady Gaga

A still from Escape Plan.
Johansson and Bjorkman mask fall of Swedish tennis

STOCKHOLM, 18 Oct—Once a conveyor belt of tennis greats like Bjorn Borg, Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg, Swedish tennis now finds itself in the doldrums but two old warriors have helped lift the mood at the Stockholm Open this week.

Former world No 4 Jonas Bjorkman aged 41, came out of retirement to partner compatriot Robert Lindstedt in the men’s doubles and Joachim Johansson, once regarded as the next big thing before injury struck, made a rare singles appearance.

Both shook off the rust to win. Bjorkman, who quit five years ago, was approached by Lindstedt after breaking up with his regular partner before the US Open and jumped at the chance of a one-off appearance.

“It’s not a comeback, just here in Stockholm,” Bjorkman, who is also the tournament’s marketing director, said in an interview with the tournament’s website. “Robert is one of the best in the world and I hope he can carry me on his shoulders. The aim is to win the title.”

Bjorkman, who won all four majors in doubles and reached two grand slam singles semi-finals, and Lindstedt beat fellow Swedes Isak Arvidsson and Andreas Sijslingstorm in the first round and were up against Ernest Gusbius and Dmitry Tursnov in the second round. Johansson, nicknamed Pim Pim, rolled back the years to when he reached the 2004 US Open semi-final, with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Colombia’s world No 112 Alejandro Falla.

The former top winner’s performance was remarkable as it was his first main tour match for four years, although he has performed Davis Cup duties for Sweden on occasions since.

Johansson burst through in 2004, defeating Andy Roddick on his way to the semis at Flushing Meadows, but after reaching the top 10 the following year the shoulder problems that forced him to retire in 2008 surfaced.

The 31-year-old, who once served a then record 51 aces against Andre Agassi at the Australian Open in 2005, will face one of the big-hitting new generation in Canadian Milos Raonic later on Thursday.

Win or lose he has said his comeback is for one event only.

Johansson’s brief return marks the sad state of Swedish tennis, especially in the singles ranks, where their top player is Markus Eriksson, ranked 406th in the world.—Reuter

Liverpool take ‘strongest squad’ to New

LONDON, 18 Oct—Liverpool will take their strongest squad of the season to Newcastle United on Saturday, manager Brendan Rodgers said on Thursday.

Defenders Glen Johnon and Aly Cissokho and midfielder Joe Allen have recovered from injuries and are available for Liverpool who are second in the Premier League table, level on points with leaders Arsenal.

“We’ll arrive with our strongest squad of the season against Newcastle,” Rodgers told a news conference. “They haven’t played games, but they’ve been training now for the last few weeks.

“Glen Johnson will be back. Joe Allen will be back. Cissokho will be back.”

Brazilian midfielder Lucas Leiva is also in contention after serving a one-match suspension. “Lucas will come back into the squad. He’s another player who has shown his worth and he’s got himself back into the Brazil squad,” Rodgers said.

“We’ve got a number of players here who are developing and improving in their careers, and he’s one of them.—Reuters

McIlroy handy placed after late Korea Open flourish

SEOUL, 18 Oct—Former world number one Rory McIlroy, making his competitive return after a four-week break, was handily placed three shots off the pace after producing a late flourish in the opening round of the Korea Open on Thursday.

The 24-year-old Northern Irishman, who has slumped to sixth in the rankings after a turbulent year both on and off the course, carded a one-under 70 at the OneAsia Tour event as he continued his search for an elusive first victory of the year.

Japan tour regular Jang Ik-jae returned an error-free 67 to take the lead at Woo Jeong Hills Country Club near Cheonan, south of Seoul.

Twice major winner McIlroy dropped a shot at the third before rallying with a birdie at the next hole. He then made a double-bogey at the 14th, 17th and 18th.

McIlroy ended his round in style with birdies at the 14th, 17th and 18th. Reuters

Arsenal owner Kroeneke says time for some silverware

LONDON, 18 Oct—Arsenal owner Stan Kroeneke will not be satisfied until the Premier League club has ended a barren run dating back to 2005, reassuring fans on Thursday about his ambitions for the team.

Some Arsenal supporters have accused American sports entrepreneur Kroeneke of putting profit before success on the field, angry at the departure of top players Cesc Fabregas and Robin van Persie in recent seasons.

“Nobody is happy until we win championships and trophies,” Kroeneke told shareholders at the club’s annual meeting.

“Nothing works unless we have success on the pitch,” he added, saying that he had invested in the club because of its tradition, image and long history of winning things.

Kroeneke first bought into Arsenal in 2007 and became the controlling shareholder in 2011 in a deal valuing the club at 731 million pounds ($721.03 million pounds).

The arrival of Mesut Ozil for a record 42.5 million pounds ($68 million) has helped Arsenal to move to the top of the Premier League and lifted the mood among supporters.

Manager Arsene Wenger said he was pleased with the team’s progress in the Premier League but noted that he would have a clearer idea of where they stood at the end of November.

He said the signing of Ozil from Real Madrid showed that he was prepared to spend heavily when the right player became available.

“You don’t need any scout to buy Ozil. Just give money,” he joked to shareholders during the meeting at the club’s Emirates Stadium.

Tickets for a tour of soccer club Arsenal’s stadium are seen at the Emirates Stadium in London on 4 March, 2013. Reuters
New Zealand committed to cultural protection in conflict zones

WELLINGTON, 18 Oct—Protection of cultural heritage during armed conflict helps create conditions for peace, New Zealand Arts, Culture and Heritage Minister Chris Finlayson said on Friday when he deposited his country’s documents to join a United Nations convention to protect cultural heritage during times of war.

Finlayson was at the Paris headquarters of the UN Education, Science and Culture Organization (UNESCO), where he deposited treaty documents to join the Protocols to the 1954 Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict.

“The treaty was established in the aftermath of the massive destruction of culture and heritage during the Second World War, but it’s as relevant now as it was then,” Finlayson said in a statement from his office. “In the military intervention in Mali this year, protection of that country’s cultural treasures was a high priority. We even saw protection of culture built into a UN peacekeeping mandate.”

New Zealand had announced a donation of 10,000 NZ dollars (4,862 US dollars) to the convention’s trust fund to help countries develop materials to protect key sites during a conflict, and had developed training materials for military personnel on peacekeeping missions.

Finlayson said New Zealand, which was campaigning for a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council for 2015-2016, needed to respond to the key security concerns concerned UN member states.

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German govt’t to continue aid Palestinians

BAGHDAD, 18 Oct—German Chancellor Angela Merkel met Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas here on Friday and promised that the upcoming new government will continue aid to the Palestinian territories.

“We have always advocated aiding and supporting the Palestinian territories, advancing the peace process, advancing economic development,” Merkel told visiting Abbas at the chancellery, adding that the next coalition government, likely between her conservatives and the Social Democrats (SPD), will conduct foreign policy with continuity.

Merkel’s Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and its Bavarian sister party the Christian Social Union (CSU) agreed on Thursday to enter into formal talks with the SPD on forming a “grand coalition” to rule Europe’s largest economy for the next four years.

Merkel also urged Israel to restrain itself in extending Jewish settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Abbas said the Palestinian side is earnest in conducting talks with Israel.

Hodgson apologises over space monkey joke

LONDON, 18 Oct—Lauded by British media for guiding England to the World Cup one minute, manager Roy Hodgson had to defend himself against a racism slur the next after using an old joke as a tactical pointer in Tuesday’s win over Poland.

Praise has been heaped on the affable Hodgson for his team’s performances but Thursday’s headlines, rather than basking in thoughts of the 2014 finals in Brazil, soured the mood of England fans.

Hodgson was reported to have used the “feed the monkey” punchline from an old NASA joke when instructing right back Chris Smalling to pass the ball to wide midfielder Andros Townsend.

The joke in question came about during the early days of space travel when NASA sent monkeys into space before mammals.

A bored astronaut, tired of the monkey being given all the tasks by mission control, asked, “When do I get to do something”, and was told, “In 15 minutes—feed the monkey”.

Hodgson used the joke to emphasise that getting the ball early to Tottenham Hotspur dangerman Townsend, England’s most effective player in the first half, was their priority.

However, it was apparently lost on some of his players who were reportedly “offended”, according to British newspapers, leading Hodgson to say sorry.

“I would like to apologise if any offence has been caused by what I said at half-time,” the 66-year-old told British media on Thursday.

“There was absolutely no intention on my part to say anything inappropriate.”

“I made this clear straight away to Andros in the dressing room. I also spoke to Andros again on Wednesday. He has assured me and the FA he did not take any offence and understood the point I was making in the manager I intended.”

Townsend was quick to defend Hodgson. “I don’t know what all this fuss is about. Offence was meant and none was taken! It’s not even news worthy!” he said on Twitter while striker Wayne Rooney described the situation: “ridiculous”.

FA chairman Greg Dyke also backed the England manager, saying he was “a man of the highest integrity”. “He has made clear there was no intent to say anything inappropriate and he was certainly not making any comments with any racist connotation,” Dyke said in an FA statement.

“Roy has spoken with Andros Townsend and a number of the players since the game and has been assured there are no problems within the squad whatsoever.” Former England forward Stan Collymore has accused Hodgson of pandering to a prominent anti-racism campaigner, said no one should have taken offensive and those criticising Hodgson should instead target the real problem. “Racism is hard enough to keep on the agenda as it is without making everyone think a legitimate space tale should be cause for offence,” he said on Twitter.—Reuters
Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits Maha Sina Paba Pagoda, Sanya of Hainan Province

NAI PYI TAW, 18 Oct—Accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Oo, Military Attaché Col Aung Chein and FAO Director-General Dr. Ismail Esfandiar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla yesterday arrived at the airport of Lou Yang city in He Nan Province where they were welcomed by Senior Colonel Chen Feng Hui of Lou Yang military region. They proceeded to White Horse Temple and paid homage to the Buddha Image and offered provisions to the Sayadaw of the temple.

Next, the Commander-in-Chief and party observed progress in construction of 108 feet high Maha Sina Paba Pagoda, a replica of Shwedagon Pagoda and a replica of Kyaukhtio Pagoda and a dragon coiled around the Buddha Image donated by Myanmar citizens led by the President. It is learnt that 80 per cent of the whole construction work has been completed and it is set to finish in coming December.

Later, the Myanmar military delegation flew to Sanya of Hainan Province. In the evening, they attended a dinner hosted by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Than Nwe, senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief Office and their wives, the Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander and wife and officials.

Dinner to mark Eid Day in Kyeikto

KYAIKTO, 18 Oct—Kyaikto Township Islam Organization held a dinner to mark the Eid Day in Kyeikto this evening.

Before the dinner, U Nyi Nyi Tun, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative, delivered an address, expressing his delight that the dinner would help the local people to ensure friendship and cooperation among different faiths in the township to prevent unnecessary problems.

He also quoted the constitution as starting that the Union recognizes special position of Buddhism as the faith professed by the great majority of the citizens of the Union and the Union also recognizes Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Animism as the religions existing in the Union since the day on which this Constitution was in force.

The Union would assist and protect the religions it recognizes to its utmost, he said.

During the dinner, representatives from Islam, Buddhist, Hindu and Christian communities pledged for living with unity and with trust among all interfaith communities.

As Kyaikto Township Interfaith Friendship Group as already been formed, the rays of peace are shining, they said.

Maung Maung Nyein Chan

Coord meeting between Union Ministers at President Office and Region/State National Races Affairs Ministers held

NAI PYI TAW, 18 Oct—A coordination meeting between the Union Ministers at President Office and Region/State National Races Affairs Ministers was held at the meeting hall of the President Office here this morning.

In his speech, Union Minister U Hla Tun said that the government is making all-out efforts for massive influx of local and foreign investments into the country so as to ensure economic development of the country, industrial development, poverty alleviation, farm sector development and employment opportuni-

Union Minister at President Office U Aung Min called for participation of national races affairs ministers from regions and states in peace-making processes. He urged those present to join hands in an attempt to ensure national unity and development of the country.

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn discussed socio-economic developments and human resources development of all national races; Deputy Minister U Thant Shin organized set-up of Region/State governments; Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Lin Aung budgets of Union Government and Region/State government and Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Oo, the Constitution.

Later, Region/State National Races Affairs Ministers held discussions on participation of peace-making process, drawing separate budgets for Region/State governments, national races literary and cultural development.

Union Minister U Hla Tun called for participation of all region/state ministers for achieving greater success in peace-making processes. The Union ministers presented gifts to region/state national races affairs ministers.—MNA