NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Secretary-General Mr. Raymond Benjamin of International Civil Aviation Organization-ICAO of the UN at the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

They held discussions on Myanmar's membership to ICAO since gaining her independence in 1948, ICAO's technical assistance to Myanmar, transfer of aviation technology and the need of capital and technology for the development of airlines, upgrading of aviation security, infrastructure and equipment as Myanmar had already signed 46 aviation agreements.

ICAO is an organ of the United Nations and it is dealing with aviation management, providing assistance to aviation security, promotion of aviation business, environmental conservation and other aviation matters of member countries. The organization will provide technical assistance to improve Myanmar civil aviation industry.

Also present at the call were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, U Aung Kyi, U Soe Thane and U Nyan Tun Aung, Deputy Minister U Thant Kyaw and officials.

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**Traditional boat racing of leg-rowers at Inlay Lake**

PhaungdawU Buddha Images in Nyaungshwe Township in Shan State (South) are conveyed to the villages in the lake for public obeisance on 7th Waxing of Thadingyut every year, attracting Buddhist devotees, visitors across the country and foreign tourists.

After the conveyance, the Buddha images are kept at Sankyaungdaw chamber in Nyaungshwe three days for public obeisance.

The conveyance of Buddha Images to villages in the lake for public obeisance is followed by the traditional boat rowing competitions of Inntha ethnic people.

The leg-rowing technique of Inntha ethnic is very famous and one of the unique characteristics of Myanmar.

When the Buddha Images are conveyed to Nyaungshwe, Inntha ethnic people performed their traditional dances and traditional trip to monasteries to offer alms to the monks.

The boat rowing competitions include the men’s 46-oar event and the women’s 26-oar event and Inntha ethnic people representing their villages participated in the events.

Inntha ethnic people has conserved their traditional culture and customs and their unique culture of leg-rowing technique is still famous in the world.

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By: Moe Lwin Oo (Loilem)

*Chess Championships 2013 kick off*

YANGON, 21 Oct—Jointly organized by Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Chess Federation, the Chess Championships for 2013 are going on at the chess hall of the federation at Aung San Gymnasium, here, yesterday.

The International Chess Men’s and Women’s Championships and Myanmar Traditional Chess Championships will run up to 31 October.—Kyemon

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**Pavaran Ceremony held at Gainghtauk Monastery at southwest corner of Shwemawdaw Pagoda in Bago**

Bago, 21 Oct—The Pavaran ceremony was held at Maha Thiwali Ordination Hall in the precinct of Gainghtauk Monastery at the southwest corner of Shwemawdaw Pagoda in Bago on 19 October.

A total of 2802 members of the Sangha attended the 1022th Sudhamma Gana of the Sangha attended the Bago on 19 October.

Gainghtauk Monastery at Hall in the precinct of swimming pool, gym, dining room, two bars, 25 bedrooms, 50-seating Manager U Soe Soe.

**Stimulant tablets, arms seized in Myawady**

Myawady, 21 Oct—Members of surveillance squad led by Police Combating Squad, Anti-Drug of District Special Crime of Myawady Township squad led by Commander Members of surveillance.

1022th Sudhamma Gana of the Sangha attended the Bago on 19 October.

The investigation, the police raided the house of Zaw Min Aung (a) Zaw Min, 34 of Myawady. They saw Po Zaw and Thura Soe at the house along with one Austrailia-made 9mm pistol, one magazine with seven bullets, one mobile phone, Myanmar currency notes, bullets, one mobile phone, Myanmar currency notes, Australia-made 9mm pistol, one magazine with seven bullets, one mobile phone, Myanmar currency notes, and arms seized in Myawady.

**Commodity Market Affairs**

**Fruits of Kayin State flow into market through Nyaungbinlay Market of Toungoo**

In recent days, Bawgali Sub-Township sent a large amount of mangoes to the market in Yangon and Mandalay.

At the market, one packet of mangoes was sold for K 55.

**Tourism**

**Orcaella cruiseliner anchors at Magway harbour**

They may bore to have dinner at the dining room of the liner. If they meet local people, the tourism industry will be booming.

So, the local people will have job opportunity. We always make changes. At the ports, we construct roads, mowing the grass, chartering the tuk-tuk and motorcycles to transport the tourists around M agway.

The first manager expressed the plan of the liner, “When we arrive in Danubyu, we will serve the tourists at a tea shop in downtown. We would like to show a practice to the local people. Everybody should know services for the guests must be neat and tidy.”

**Tourists from four-deckker cruiseliner arrive in Magway to visit Magway and its surrounding areas, enjoy natural beauty and meet local people.**

Cruise Co runs two four-deckker cruiseliners built in France and Switzerland.

**Anti-Narcotic Drives**

**Rescue and relief course conducted**

Nay Pyi Taw, 21 Oct—The opening ceremony of the Rescue and Relief Course was held at the parade ground of Nay Pyi Taw Fire Services Department, here, on 18 October. It was attended by 100 fire fighters from various fire stations in Nay Pyi Taw.
Japan to down intruding foreign drones if warnings ignored

Tokyo, 20 Oct — Japan plans to shoot down foreign drones that intrude into Japanese airspace if warnings for them to leave are ignored, a source close to the government said on Sunday.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe issued his approval on 11 October when Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera briefed him on the plan, the source said.

The Defence Ministry has drawn up the plan as a Chinese military drone intruded into Japan’s air defense identification zone on 9 September, approaching the disputed Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea. The plan is aimed at demonstrating Japan’s readiness to respond to any acts that violate its sovereignty, according to the source.

But the government will continue deliberations on how to respond to possible intrusions by drones carrying weapons of mass destruction such as nuclear or biological weapons, as shoot them down could have serious consequences, the source said.

The existing rules for how Air Self-Defense Force fighters should respond to intrusions by manned aircraft mandate that pilots should first issue warnings. Pilots are required to down intruding aircraft if they pose a risk of damage or injury to Japanese nationals after ignoring such warnings.

Japan did not have clear rules for surveillance drones as such aircraft are seemingly unable to detect warnings to leave Japanese airspace, but after analyzing drones currently being developed by China, the Japanese government has determined that such aircraft are equipped with high-performance camera and radar, and are capable of detecting warnings.

As ties warm, US restarts security assistance to Pakistan

Washington, 21 Oct — The United States has quietly restarted security assistance to Pakistan, US officials said on Sunday, after freezing much of that aid during a period of strained relations beginning with the 2011 Navy SEAL raid that killed al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden. While the move to free up the aid has been underway for some months, it became public as President Barack Obama prepares for a White House meeting on Wednesday with Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

Relations between the two countries remain tense on major issues, including Pakistan opposition to US drone strikes and Washington’s complaints about the ties of the Pakistan intelligence service to militant groups active in Afghanistan. But the bonds appear to be on the mend after a series of major setbacks in recent years, including the bin Laden raid, a NATO air strike that mistakenly killed Pakistani border guards, and a January 2011 incident in which a CIA contractor killed two men on the streets of Lahore, Pakistan.

Sharif is scheduled to meet with members of the US Congress in Washington this week and aid will be one of the main issues, a congressional staff member said. The deterioration had led to freezing of some funding and to the US Congress enacting additional restrictions on aid to Islamabad.

Evacuation advisory lifted on Izu Oshima, search for missing resumes

Tokyo, 20 Oct — The evacuation advisory issued to around 2,300 residents on the typhoon-hit island of Izu Oshima was lifted on Monday morning amid improved weather condition, allowing local authorities to resume the suspended search for the missing.

The municipal government of Oshima issued the evacuation advisory on Saturday as the prospect of more heavy rain was feared to worsen the situation on the island, south of Tokyo. While the advisory was in effect, the search for 19 missing people was suspended. As of Sunday night, some 590 evacuees were in shelters.

Typhoon Wipha, the 26th of the year, on Wednesday brought torrential rain to the island, located about 120 kilometers south of Tokyo, causing mudslides that destroyed houses and buried residents alive. Aaccording to police and local authorities, 27 people have been confirmed dead.

The authorities remain vigilant as another powerful typhoon, named Francisco, is approaching the Japanese archipelago.

Pakistan’s women police fight criminals, militants and scorn

Abbotabad, Pakistan, 21 Oct — When Shazadi Gillani, the highest-ranking female police officer in Pakistan’s most conservative province, wanted to join the force she had to defy her father, forego marriage and pay for her own basic training. During the next 19 years, Inspector Gillani and her faithful sidekick Rizwana Zafar — brought up as a boy after becoming her frustrated father’s ninth daughter — have battled bandits, earthquakes and militants.

The Taleban are so pervasive in Gillani’s northern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province that she wears a burqa, a head-to-toe robe with a small mesh window for the eyes, when she travels. Zarfar dons a fake moustache to escort her. But the women’s biggest challenge is helping new female police recruits. Women make up just 560 of the province’s 60,000-strong force. Police chiefs hope to double that within a year, but tough working conditions make recruitment hard. There have been small victories.

Germany funded female dormitories at three training colleges. Women recruits no longer wait days for basic training. This summer, the province opened women’s complaint desks in 60 male-run police stations. Many Pakistani women face horrifying violence and officials hope more abused women will report attacks.
Galaxy S5 to feature eye-scanning sensor

BANGALORE, 21 Oct—Samsung is reportedly working on a new eye-scanning feature which is expected to be introduced on the Galaxy S4’s successor. According to a report by AndroidSaS that cites some sources from Korea, claims that the South Korean giant has started working on an eye-scanning sensor which will be featured in the rumoured Galaxy S5. The feature is said to bring the eye-scanning unlock ability to the smartphones. Unfortunately, the report does not reveal many details of the alleged eye-scanning unlock feature. The eye-scanning feature has not been introduced on any smartphone (from a major manufacturer) as an unlocking method and if the rumour is true, Samsung would become the first handset maker to debut the feature on a smartphone. However, there is no official word from Samsung on the alleged eye-scanning feature. Previously, Apple and HTC have introduced the fingerprint scanner features to the iPhone 5S and One Max respectively. The fingerprint scanner feature lets users to log-in (and authorise payments, etc., on the iPhone 5S) with a swipe of the fingerprint.

Earlier a report, predict-ed that Samsung will refresh its flagship smartphone offering sooner than expected. The report suggested that Samsung has been preparing to launch the Galaxy S5, the smartphone which it was due to disappointing Galaxy S4 sales. It cited internal sources and informed that the Galaxy S5 is likely to be announced as early as mid-January, with a market release expected to take place in February. The report also shed some light on the specifications of the alleged Galaxy S5 smartphone. It claimed that the phone would be powered by a 64-bit Exynos 5430 chip and will sport a 16-megapixel camera with enhanced low-light performance and Optical Image Stabilisation. The South Korean major has already revealed that its next smartphone would be powered by a 64-bit chip, after Apple unveiled the iPhone 5S which is powered by a 64-bit processor, — PTI

Apple sends invitations for 22 October event, refreshed iPad lineup expected

NEW YORK, 21 Oct—Apple sent out invitations on Tuesday to a special event on 22 October in San Francisco, revealing little about what is expected to be a day devoted to iPad updates. Emailed invitations bore few details other than time and place, and bore the message: “We still have a lot to cover.” A colourful graphic in the shape of an iPad showed Apple’s iconic logo under a shower of colourful leaves.

The invitations came about a week after unconfirmed reports that Apple will show off a new version of its popular iPad tablet computer that will be thinner than its predecessor and boast improved camera capabilities. Scrutiny of Apple’s supply chain has industry trackers thinking the new iPad will get “narrower, thinner, and lighter” and possibly built with processors at least as powerful as those used in the freshly-launched iPhone 5S, according to Gartner analyst Van Baker.

An upgraded version of the iPad mini with an improved screen is also expected. Baker will be watching for whether new iPad models have 64-bit processors as engines in a significant boost that would enable tablets to handle more heavy weight programs and games. “It has the potential to make tablets much more compelling devices in terms of content creation; making devices more sophisticated with more horsepower-hungry applications,” the analyst said. “It will increase the likelihood that tablets will displace PCs (personal computers).”

Building more powerful computing engines in iPads would also ramp up gaming capabilities, Baker said, while adding: “Not that it needs a lot of help.” He also suggested that top-end full-size iPads could get a fingerprint recognition security feature that has proven a hit in the iPhone 5S. — PTI

SAP to wind down software product for small businesses

FRANKFURT, 21 Oct—German business software maker SAP is winding down a web-based software product for small to mid-sized businesses, a German magazine reported. Business weekly Wirtschaftswoche said SAP would stop the development of a software dubbed Business By Design, although existing customers will be able to continue to use it.

A SAP spokesman said on Saturday that development capacity for Business By Design was being reduced, but that the product was not being shut down. SAP, one of the world’s biggest makers of business management software, originally projected that Business by Design — which was launched in 2010 — would reach 10,000 customers and generate $1 billion of revenue.

The magazine reported, however, that the product, which cost roughly 3 billion euros to develop, currently has only 785 customers and is expected to generate no more than 23 million euros in sales this year. By comparison, in the second quarter, SAP’s software and software-related service revenue stood at 3.35 billion euros. — Reuters

Haunted house business gets boost as techs up thrill ante

PHILADELPHIA, 21 Oct—Ed Terebus was an 18-year-old high school student when he and his big brother Jim, a laid-off auto worker, decided to build their first haunted house 34 years ago. The Terebus brothers charged visitors $1.50 per head to tour their creation, which was set up in a trailer and featured actors wearing makeup of egg yolks mixed with oatmeal.

Over the decades, their modest production grew into Pontiac, Michigan’s four-stor-y Erebus, which the Guinness Book of World Records listed as the world’s largest haunted attraction from 2005 through 2009, when it was overtaken by a larger thrill in Texas. Today, Erebus manufactures fear with features such as animatronic mutant gorillas and a shifting wall that pushes visitors into what appears to be a bottomless pit. But what frightens the Terebus brothers the most is the staff it takes to run the place. “I have an IT guy here full time now,” Ed Terebus said. “That’s the scary part.”

Haunted house operators have borrowed heavily from Hollywood, using program-mable controllers, modern computer graphics and professional make-up artists to create increasingly vivid and hair-raising thrills.

A business is booming. America’s Haunts, a trade association, estimates there are 1,200 large-scale, for-profit haunted attractions in the US plus another 3,000 haunted houses operated by charities that open for only a day or two every year. The commercial attractions collectively bring in from $300 million to $500 million annually. “Haunted houses are trying to create these immersive environments, and technology often does that,” said Brett Bertolin, director of operations at Eastern State Penitentiary, a decommissioned Philadelphia prison converted annually into a giant, sometimes claustrophobic, haunted house. — Reuters

Google Nexus 5 ‘official’

Play Store listing reveals price tag

NEW YORK, 21 Oct—Google’s much awaited next-generation Nexus phone, the Nexus 5 has already made an online appearance.

Interestingly, the leak comes from not only another source but Google, as the phone was accidentally listed on the Play Store, the company’s content, services and device marketplace. The listing appeared for select users and was pulled by Google after it realised it’s made a faux pas.

The listing even revealed the pricing of the Nexus 5’s 16GB model, which was listed at $349. The listing showcases the phone in its full glory offering a nice look at the phone’s rear, front and left edge.

The pictured device’s form factor is in line with previous leaks with the back sporting the Nexus and LG branding and the display running a version of Android that matches the leaked Android 4.4 KitKat screenshots complete with the transparent navigation key and new icons. — PTI
Bidding for Thailand’s high-speed trains slated for late next year

BANGKOK, 21 Oct—International bidding for Thailand’s procurement of high-speed trains to carry passengers and cargo would likely be held late next year, according to Thai Transport Minister Chatchart Sitthipun.

The bidding by various foreign firms to win the Thai high-speed train project would likely be held from the third quarter of next year until 2017 while the construction of the railways and the procurement of those trains are scheduled to be completed within 2020, the minister said on Friday. For the time being, environmental impact assessments are yet to be finished, regarding the planned routes for the high-speed trains with a main station in Bangkok.

Those routes include Bangkok - Pitsanulok, which will be extended to Chiang Mai City, viewed as the country’s northern logistical hub and tourist destination hub; Bangkok - Nakorn Ratchasima, which will be extended to Nong Khai Province, viewed as a gateway to the Lao capital of Vientiane; Bangkok - Rayong, the country’s eastern seaboard industrial hub and deep-sea port; and Bangkok - Hua Hin, viewed as a flourishing tourist destination and gateway to the southern Thai.

No matter which party will finally win the bidding for the high-speed trains, all the railways running through those provinces will apply the same operation systems, according to the transport minister.

Chatchart said he will leave for Kunming city in southern China some time next month to discuss the 4.9-billion-US-dollar high-speed rail project with senior Chinese government officials. He did not go into details.

Chatchart said the Thai and Chinese governments might probably agree to dealing in some barter trade between Chinese high-speed trains and Thai farm goods such as rice and rubber. He did not elaborate.

He confirmed that the Chinese have planned to run high-speed trains laden with tourists and merchandise from Kunming to Nong Khai, across the international Mekong River from Vientiane. Besides the Chinese, several other foreign firms have shown interest to vie for varied rail projects in addition to the high-speed train project including those from South Korea, Japan, France and Spain. Given an estimated 73 billion US dollars loan to fund the country’s infrastructural development schemes, the Thai government has planned to build double-track railways in the provinces as well as additional elevated railways to ply Bangkok’s suburban areas, apart from the interprovincial high-speed trains.

All the rail projects combined will use more than 80 percent of the total loan.— Xinhua

GM has restarted production of Tavera vehicles in India

MUMBAI, 21 Oct—General Motors Co (GM N) has restarted the production of its Tavera sport-utility vehicles in India after receiving regulatory approvals, a company executive said on Saturday.

In July, GM recalled 114,000 Tavera vehicles, citing issues relating to emission standards and other regulatory specifications. It had earlier halted production and sale of the Tavera BS III and Tavera BS IV models.

“GM India has already received BS III 7.89 and 10 seats type approvals and production has also started,” GM India Vice President P. Balendran told Reuters. “BS IV approval is under process and in products expected anytime now and will start production soon.” — Reuters

GMV has resumed production of Tavera vehicles in India

Employees work on the Chevrolet Tavera compact MPV assembly line inside a plant of General Motors India Ltd at Halol, east of the western Indian city of Ahmedabad, on 22 Sept., 2010.— Reuters

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 21 Oct—The Ministry of Health (MoH) has reminded the public to be wary of mosquito-borne diseases, especially during the current rainy season, as dengue fever cases have tended to rise in Brunei.

The MoH, in a statement released on Sunday, said that in 2012, a total of 290 cases of dengue fever were recorded while for this year, a total of 349 cases have been reported up to 12 October. Mosquitoes are vectors for diseases that can infect humans such as dengue fever, malaria, chikungunya, filariasis and Japanese encephalitis, the MoH said.

A similar increase has been reported in other countries in this region and it was found to be associa-

Dengue fever cases increase in Brunei due to rainy season

Watchdog reminds on anti-gout drug’s side-effects

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Libya's premier accuses two rivals in abduction

Tripoli, 21 Oct — Libyan Prime Minister Ali Al Zeidan's government on Sunday accused two lawmakers from an Islamist party of involvement in orchestrating his brief kidnapping by one of the militias whose rivalry threatens to spiral into war. Two years after the fall of Muammar Gaddafi, Libya's fragile government is crippled by infighting, unable to disarm former militia fighters in a country still awash with weapons from the Gaddafi era. Former rebels briefly seized Zeidan last week from a Tripoli hotel during a dawn raid, only to release him hours later, in an abduction he blamed later on his enemies in the General National Congress assembly. "There are forces who want to obstruse the construction of the state," Zeidan told reporters on Sunday. His government accused two members of the GNC, M. udall-Tarik and M. uhammad al-Kiiani, for involvement in the incident. Both lawmakers rejected the accusations. But the brief abduction and those charges will increase tensions in Libya, where the central government and the GNC are already deadlocked by political disagreements and rival groups of former rebel fighters are still imposing their will at gunpoint. Zeidan, a liberal, has been facing a possible vote of no confidence from members of the GNC, especially those from the Islamist Justice and Construction Party, and independents who say he has mishandled a wave of protests that have shut down oil ports and slashed exports in the

Baghdad cafe bombing kills at least 38

Baghdad, 21 Oct — A suicide bomb attack on a Baghdad traffic circle killed at least 38 people, police and medics said. At least 12 people were killed in a spate of suicide bomb attacks on security personnel and government buildings earlier in the day, police said. Violence in Iraq, which had eased after reaching a peak in 2007-08 is now rising again, with more than 7,000 civilians killed this year, according to the Iraqi Body Count. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for any of the attacks, but Shi'ites are viewed as apostates by Sunni Islamist militants whose insurgency has revived this year.

China to restrict satellite TV stations to one foreign programme

Shanghai, 21 Oct — China will allow satellite television stations to buy the right to broadcast only one foreign programme each year from 2014 as part of new restrictions to push "morality-building" and educational shows, state media reported on Monday. The official Shanghai Securities Journal, citing an order by the General Administration for Press and Publication to domestic television stations, also said foreign programmes could not be broadcast in prime-time viewing hours from 7:30 pm to 10 pm during the year in which the broadcasting rights were purchased. The new rules are an intensification of an earlier policy announced in February, which capped the broadcast of foreign television series to 50 episodes, and will result in fewer foreign series being broadcast in China. The campaign also could accelerate a wider trend: the migration of domestic viewers away from foreign programmes to Chinese shows like "Britain's Got Talent," then localizing them without further modification, spawning shows like "China's Got Talent." Such programming can be quickly monetised at minimal risk and is generally easy to sell to advertisers.

Shanghai Daily said the new restrictions were intended to crack down on the growing practice of buying the copyright of foreign shows like "Britain's Got Talent," then localizing them without further modification, spawning shows like "China's Got Talent." Such programming can be quickly monetised at minimal risk and is generally easy to sell to advertisers. The new rules also stipulate that stations must increase the amount of public-interest programming such as documentaries, education and "morality-building" programmes to not less than 30 percent of the total, and restrict the number of new musical talent shows to one every three months.

Mizuho eyes special organization to prevent shady loans

Tokyo, 21 Oct — Mizuho Bank is considering setting up a special organization to prevent the recurrence of lending to organised crime groups, sources close to the matter said on Sunday. The banking unit of Mizuho Financial Group Inc. also eyes an outside board member to strengthen supervision for the same purpose, according to the sources. Mizuho Bank was ordered by the Financial Services Agency on 27 September to improve its operations after the agency found through an inspection that the bank had engaged in 230 transactions with "antisocial" groups involving more than 200 million yen. The plan to set up a special organization will be included in a business improvement plan that the bank has been ordered to submit to the agency by 28 October, according to the sources.

China's Prime Minister Ali Zeidan speaks during a news conference at the headquarters of the Prime Minister's Office in Tripoli on 3 Jan, 2013. Picture taken on 3 Jan, 2013. — Reuters

OPEC producer. The premier said Libya had lost 6 billion Libyan dinars ($4.89 billion) from oil protests that began months ago and

at one point cut crude production to less than half of the normal 1.4 million barrels per day.

Reuters
National Sports

**Myanmar women’s team hope for gold**

NAO THAI, 21 Oct—Myanmar women’s football team is trying hard to be able to emerge champion in the SEA Games, said U Banny Tin Aung, Secretary of Myanmar Football Federation.

“Myanmar women’s football team has fine traditions not only in ASEAN but also in other international tournaments. We all are striving for mainaining the good traditions with the concerted efforts of officials from the Ministry of Sports, coaches, managers and athletes. A present, we give training to the women’s team after the Women’s AFF Championship by reviewing strong and weak points,” he continued.

**Crime**

**Man dies beside rail trucks in Indaw**

KATHA, 21 Oct—A man was dead beside rail trucks in Indaw railway station yard of Katha District in Sagaing Region.

According to the information, SIP Thaung Sein Tun and party of Indaw Police Station, Deputy Superintendent U Kyaw Swa Lin and ward administrator inspected the dead person on 16 October. The dead person was U Sein Lin, 65 of Zayyom Boa Ward in Kawlin who sold goods on board the train. Due to over drinking, he suffered block of vomit at respiratory tract. MMAL-Lu Aung (Katha)

**Roads under repair in Kalay for better transportation**

KALAY, 21 Oct—Roads in Kalay Township are being repaired for enabling the people of northwest region in Kalay Township of Sagaing Region on 18 October.

With the assistance of sand and gravel broker U Htay Win, the local people constructed the roads from Dawangchaung to Hseygi Bridge.

“This road is reliable for the local people and those from Kalay Township. The local people repaved the road and it must be placed with 150 saddles worth K 3 million with the use of 10 trucks. The repairing of the road is aimed at enabling the local people and members of the Sangha to have smooth access to other regions. We will fill sand from Hseygi Creek on the road. Since 2008, the road has been upgraded for smooth transportation of motorcycles and cars,” said wellwisher U Htay Win. Thanks to repairing the road, the people will have easy access to the villages in the northwest area of Kalay Township in Sagaing Region.

MMAL-Shin Nay Min

**Micro-credit issued to shopkeepers in M yeik**

CRIME

**Temporary passports given back to M yan mar workers**

MAESAI, 21 Oct—A ceremony to hand over temporary passports to workers who were removed from Prove Garment Co’s garment factory was held in Namkyan Ward of Maesai in Thailand on 18 October morning.

Officials of Myanmar-Thai Border Committee, those from Care and negotiation committee (Tachilek) for Myanmar employers in Maesai handed over temporary passports to 126 workers. A tension caused between employer and employees in as of May this year. It was because the employer took temporary passports of workers, did not pay salary to them and violated disciplines of MoU over the workers through various ways and means.

In September, the workers reported on their difficulties to the care and negotiation committee (Tachilek) for Myanmar employers in Maesai.

With the assistance of the deputy commissioner of Tachilek District and township administrator, the committee sought the help of Myanmar Embassy in Thailand and the town authority office of Maesai and held coordinations for several times with Labour Department of Thailand and Mekong Region Development Foundation. As a result, the removed workers got temporary passports, work permits and salary for September.

In fact, the temporary passports must be renewed once for 90 days. But, the employer failed to renew them, and the passports were invalid 180 days over the due. According to the law of Thailand, Myanmar workers must pay 2000 bahts per passport as fine to the authorities. However, the workers did not afford to pay the fine. Therefore, the committee requested the Maesai Immigration Department of Thailand. That is why the department handed over the passports to the workers.

MMAL-Maung Yin Kyaw

**Stimulant tablets worth K 90 million seized in Loilem**

LOILEM, 21 Oct—A mobile team led by Commander of Loilem Township Police Force Police Major Myint Aung checked the vehicles in Loilem on 17 October for prevention against explosive destructive acts, narcotic drugs, human trafficking and illegal goods.

MMAL-Moe Lwin Od (Loilem)

**Photo shows M yanmar women playing against Laos team in AFF Women’s C’ship in YTC .**

**Mobile team makes surprise check in L oilem**

LOILEM, 21 Oct—Under the supervision of Loilem Township Administrator U Hiwan Moe Han, mobile team led by Commander of Loilem Township Police Force Police Major Myint Aung comprising personnel of Special Anti-Drug Squad, Special Crime Combating Squad, Customs Department and Immigration Department checked the vehicles in Loilem on 17 October for prevention against explosive destructive acts, narcotic drugs, human trafficking and illegal goods.

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MMAL-Shin Nay Min

**Anti-Narcotic Drives**

Stimulant tablets worth K 90 million seized in Loilem

LOILEM, 21 Oct—A mobile team led by Commander of Loilem Township Police Force Police Major Myint Aung checked the passengers and vehicles at Mya Kantha junction in Loilem on 17 October.

The team searched a Pajero driven by U Lon Tun, 51, together with Sai Pein, 23, from Namsang at 1:30 pm.

They saw 1800 stimulant tablets in nine packets from the floor of driver room and 12000 stimulant tablets from 60 packets between the mud guard and the left side of the car body, 10000 stimulant tablets in 50 bags at the right door of the driver, totaling 23800 tablets weighing 2.38 kilos worth K 95.2 million.

Loilem Township Police Station still investigates matters related to the case.

MMAL-Township IPRD

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With the assistance of the deputy commissioner of Tachilek District and township administrator, the committee sought the help of Myanmar Embassy in Thailand and the town authority office of Maesai and held coordinations for several times with Labour Department of Thailand and Mekong Region Development Foundation. As a result, the removed workers got temporary passports, work permits and salary for September.

In fact, the temporary passports must be renewed once for 90 days. But, the employer failed to renew them, and the passports were invalid 180 days over the due. According to the law of Thailand, Myanmar workers must pay 2000 bahts per passport as fine to the authorities. However, the workers did not afford to pay the fine. Therefore, the committee requested the Maesai Immigration Department of Thailand. That is why the department handed over the passports to the workers.

MMAL-Maung Yin Kyaw

**Micro-credit issued to shopkeepers in M yeik**

CRIME

**Man dies beside rail trucks in Indaw**

KATHA, 21 Oct—A man was dead beside rail trucks in Indaw railway station yard of Katha District in Sagaing Region.

According to the information, SIP Thaung Sein Tun and party of Indaw Police Station, Deputy Superintendent U Kyaw Swa Lin and ward administrator inspected the dead person on 16 October. The dead person was U Sein Lin, 65 of Zayyom Boa Ward in Kawlin who sold goods on board the train. Due to over drinking, he suffered block of vomit at respiratory tract. MMAL-Lu Aung (Katha)

**Roads under repair in Kalay for better transportation**

KALAY, 21 Oct—Roads in Kalay Township are being repaired for enabling the people of northwest region in Kalay Township of Sagaing Region on 18 October.

With the assistance of sand and gravel broker U Htay Win, the local people constructed the roads from Dawangchaung to Hseygi Bridge.

“This road is reliable for the local people and those from Kalay Township. The local people repaved the road and it must be placed with 150 saddles worth K 3 million with the use of 10 trucks. The repairing of the road is aimed at enabling the local people and members of the Sangha to have smooth access to other regions. We will fill sand from Hseygi Creek on the road. Since 2008, the road has been upgraded for smooth transportation of motorcycles and cars,” said wellwisher U Htay Win. Thanks to repairing the road, the people will have easy access to the villages in the northwest area of Kalay Township in Sagaing Region.

MMAL-Shin Nay Min

**Anti-Narcotic Drives**

Stimulant tablets worth K 90 million seized in Loilem

LOILEM, 21 Oct—A mobile team led by Commander of Loilem Township Police Force Police Major Myint Aung checked the passengers and vehicles at Mya Kantha junction in Loilem on 17 October.

The team searched a Pajero driven by U Lon Tun, 51, together with Sai Pein, 23, from Namsang at 1:30 pm.

They saw 1800 stimulant tablets in nine packets from the floor of driver room and 12000 stimulant tablets from 60 packets between the mud guard and the left side of the car body, 10000 stimulant tablets in 50 bags at the right door of the driver, totaling 23800 tablets weighing 2.38 kilos worth K 95.2 million.

Loilem Township Police Station still investigates matters related to the case.

MMAL-Township IPRD
JICA to assist in livestock breeding and rural development tasks in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—About 870 million people from regional and world countries are facing difficulties in producing food due to food scarcity, malnutrition, soil and water insufficiency, lack of infrastructure, investment requirement and climate change. Comprehensive development programmes for narrowing gap between urban and rural are being carried out, said U Nion Min Tun, minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development. The ministry is implementing tasks for food security, production of safe food, rural electrification and supply of clean drinking water through people-centered approach, he added.

He highlighted that the ministry plays a crucial role in economic development of the country, saying rural development and poverty alleviation tasks are effectively to be carried out with the participation of the people.

Then, Chairman of National Economic and Social Advisory Council U Tin Htut Oo and UMFFCCI President U Win Aung reported on opportunities for local companies to cooperate with international companies. Afterwards, the Union minister held a meeting with Chief Representative Mr. Masahika Tanada of JICA at its branch office.

They discussed matters on cooperation for livestock breeding and fisheries development, rural development, JICA’s assistance for rural development in dry zone, provision of machinery for generating small hydropower, electrification task with the use of solar system and water supply for rural areas in Myanmar.

MNA

Debate on international financial institutions’ flow and developing countries held

A 14-member team comprising tortoise veterinarians and experts from Ministry of Forestry and New York-based and Yangon-based Wildlife Conservation Society has collected blood, droppings and saliva of Myanmar Star tortoises (Geochelone platynota) from Minzontaung Wildlife Sanctuary in Natogyi Township and Lawkanka Wildlife Sanctuary Park in Bagan on 16 October and conducted a health assessment on them.

The team has also collected the blood, droppings and saliva of yellow tortoises from the Turtle Rescue Center of Banbweagon Garden of Nawngkhao Township Forest Department and Myanmar star tortoises from Minzontaung Wildlife Sanctuary.

Myanmar Star Tortoises (Geochelone platynota) have been conserved at the sanctuary parks to save from nearly extinction and their population has been on the increase year by year there.

Plans are underway to release them to their natural habitats.

Ko Nyan (Taungtha)
KNU holds press conference on recent blasts

**YANGON, 21 Oct—** Following is the questions raised by journalists and answers of Padoh Mann Nyein Maung, Member of the KNU Central Executive Committee during the Q & A Session of yesterday’s press meet on the recent blasts in October.

The press conference was held at the Myamar Peace Centre here, yesterday.

**VOA (Myanmar Section)**

Q: If KNU has no responsibility for the blasts, which organization may have connected with recent blasts?

A: Still, we have not yet explored the persons who masterminded the attacks. We can assume that there is someone who masterminded the blasts. So far, we have come to know that they are just youths and they have no big ambitions. We will cooperate with the government to expose those involved in the blasts.

**Echo Journal**

Q: Some are saying that the intention of the attacks is to paralyze the foreign investment. What do you think?

A: I don’t believe that fact. But, I assume that the attacks are intended to create misunderstanding between KNU and the government, to hamper the peace making process and to provoke the religious war. They targeted the holy places of Buddhists. So, we assume that the attacks are intended to trigger conflicts between Buddhists and others.

**The Street View Journal**

Q: Is KNU going to hold meetings in connection with the blasts?

A: Sure, we will. We, leaders of KNU will gather to discuss and review this problem. We will cooperate with the government and will expose the truth about the blasts.

**Hot News journal**

Q: How will you identify those who masterminded the blasts?

A: Any organization can’t totally control its members. Frankly speaking, there are some or a few who don’t want to obey the instructions of the central executive committee of KNU. In KNU, some trust the reforms of the country. Some don’t accept the reforms and some doubt the reforms. We must go forward exercising tolerance, forgiving each others. If members of KNU involve in the attacks, this is not the policy of KNU. We will probe into the blasts.

**Pyi Myanmar journal**

Q: Have the suspects of the blasts the rights to hire lawyers?

A: The country is changing. Nothing can be hidden. I was arrested in 2011 and there was no torture. Authorities treat me with respect. They asked advice from me for peace. When we talked to Saw Myint Lwin, we took video footage to record the meeting. They have no injuries and they are treated properly. They confessed to the blasts out of their own volition.

**Yongkang TV**

Q: KNU have any way to contribute to the peace building process? If so, please let us know about it.

A: Today, we are working for achieving the nation-wide peace accord. We must try to hold political dialogue. Not only KNU, but also other national aces are willing to do so. The government is also willing to do the same. The government has not rejected what we proposed and we will negotiate the different views we have. I believe that we will be able to solve the problem.

**Nyein Ko Ko (European Press)**

Q: You said that the policy of KNU’s central executive committee is disagreed by some at lowest level? So, can KNU control such situation?

A: We have been brought to the negotiating table after more than 60 years of war. We were enemies, but now we should become friends. There may be hardliners in our organization. They are like a disease. We need short-term or long-term remedy, but no short cuts to make a quick recovery.

**Dr. Zaw Than (Sankei Shinbun)**

Q: Is it an attempt of non-Buddhist group as there have been attempts holding such press conference. It is a great opportunity for us to speak here. It is a fruitful result of the peace process.

**Union Daily**

Q: Are they in service in KNU?

A: If they are tied to KNU, we will be held accountable for the incident. Action will be taken after investigation in a fair and just way.

**DVB News Agency**

Q: Is there any relations between recent bombings and a peace agreement signing ceremony to be held in October and November?

A: We see these destructive acts as perpetration to cause a misunderstanding among the nationwide ceasefire agreement between the government and ethnic groups and to raise doubts in the international community that KNU may guarantee security when it hosts the SEA Games and takes the ASEAN Chair in 2014.

**Pyi Myanmar journal**

Q: Is KNU’s full time service-men?

A: KNU’s fulltime service-men. He is a militiaman. He is up to make his own decision if he was freed.

**Kumudra journal**

Q: Is there any plan, on KNU’s part, to make a apology for casualties caused by the incidents?

A: KNU do apologize to the sufferers through the media. We try our best not to recur such tragic incidents.

**Myanmar International Newsjournal**

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**U Win Zaw Tun (Venus Newsjournal)**

Q: How far will KNU assume responsibility for the incidents? Any message for the people?

A: KNU’s attitude had already been mentioned that we have the sense of responsibility and accountability for probing into this case in a fair and just way and taking necessary measures.

**Popular News journal**

Q: Is there any plan to keep the criminals in KNU when they were released from prison?

A: Saw Myint Lwin is not a KNU’s fulltime service-men. He is a militiaman. It was up to him to make his own decision if he was freed.

**Myanmar Post journal**

Q: Let me know what further measures will be taken as we heard there are differences between KNU (Central) and Brigade (5) and Saw Myint Htoo is tied to the gold mining business of Brigade (5).

A: Every organization used to have differences between the two races or two religions. So, we as KNU do apologize to the suffers through the media. We try our best not to recur such tragic incidents.

**Mano Journal**

Q: Any organization can’t participate in the attacks, who do you think?

A: We have not rejected what we proposed and we will negotiate the different views we have. I believe that we will be able to solve the problem.

**Aung Thit Lwin (7 Day Daily)**

Q: Let me know further measures KNU will take in order to control possible dangers as saw Nai Toe is still at large and the connection between Saw Tun Tun who got involved in Toungoo bombing and KNU.

A: Action will be taken against the suspects who is still at large. KNU alone cannot control the possible dangers. Only cooperation with the government could ensure national security and the rule of law.

**Visitors observe Hluttaws**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 21 Oct—**

A total of 705 members of the Union Solidarity and Development Party of Ottwin Township in Toungoo District, Bago Region, and a four-member delegation led by Director-General M S Rao Hluhla of IDCPC, China visited the Hlutaw Complex, here, this morning.

There, they observed the 11th day session of the eighth regular meeting of the first Pyithu Hlutaw and looked round the buildings.
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LOCAL NEWS

24-hr electrification for Pangon Village of YeU Tsp

YeU, 21 Oct—While rural development and poverty alleviation are being implemented across the nation, the ceremony to launch electrification for Pangon Village in YeU Township was held at Sasana Thada Monastery in the village on 19 October.

Member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Mogaung Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Uttamanana administered the Eight Precepts.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Uttamanana, Saging Region Hluttaw representatives U Nyo Win and U Soe Tint Aung formally opened the electrification for the village.

After that, they launched the generator at 315 KV transformer.

The project of electrification was funded by K 15 million from the Mingun Taungyoe Sayadaw and over K 100 million by the local people on a self-reliant basis.

The implementation of the project was based on all-out efforts of Engineer U Htoo Myat Thu Maung and electricians from Township Electricity Supply Enterprise and local authorities at grassroots level.

So far, a total of 155 electric meters of 202 have been installed at the houses and the remaining meters will be allotted to the local people as soon as possible.

Kyemon-Than Hai (YeU)

Buddha images made of various flowers from Shwedagon Pagoda donated to villages

A Sayadaw, on behalf of wellwishers, presents Buddha images to local people in MInywa Village of Thanatpin Township.

Thanatpin, 21 Oct—Buddha images presentation ceremony took place in Minywa Village of Thanatpin Township on 17 October.

On behalf of donor U Myo Aung (Chairman of Same Sky Co Ltd) and family of Y angon, Sayadaw Bhaddanta K edanna of Shweangway Monastery in Bago presented 510 Buddha images to Minywa Village, 300 images to Kyangsu Village and 100 images to Tanwa Village, totalling 910 through officials.

Various kinds of dried flowers had been offered to Shwedagon Pagoda on the middle and lower terraces. The dried flowers were moulded to be Buddha images and gold foils were offered to the images. Then, the Buddha images were consecrated before donation to the villages.

The 910 Buddha images donations to Thanatpin Township was the second time of its kind.

Ye Htut (Minywa)

Local roads concreted in Hinthada

Hinthada, 21 Oct—Hinthada suffered poor transportation when moderate showers hit the roads in the town.

Whenever heavy rain hits the region, overflow of water from drains caused damages to the town.

On 16 October, District Deputy Commissioner U San Htay together with township level de-partmental officials and village and ward administrators looked into progress of upgrading the roads.

They held a meeting at the corner of Natmaw and Phaya Streets.

Upgrading of roads were funded by the Township Development Affairs Committee and local people. Upon completion, the funds contributed by the Township DAC and local people may be equal for all roads, remarked by the Deputy Commissioner.

Senior Engineer U Aung Soe of the township said that after completion of upgrading roads, it is necessary to improve the drains for proper flow of water along them. It is important to unblock the drains around the town and remove the illegally brooding of fish that block the proper flow of water.

That is why he stressed the need to dredge the drains in open season, especially in Natmaw Creek, Sitlwin region and Duya Lake and Kalaw Lake.

The authorities are making concerted efforts for timely completion of the road upgrading, and the completed roads will be commissioned into service on 10 November 2013.

Kyemon-Aung Han Tint

Motorbike workshop fire engulfs vehicles, 15 shopping apartments

BAGO, 21 Oct—A team comprising donors from various countries and Nepalese eye specialists joining hands with Myanmar eye specialists and wellwishers will perform free eye surgical operations at about 400 eye patients at People’s Hospital in Bago from 21 to 26 October.

The medical team will spend costs of accommodation, medicines and surgical treatment for the patients.

To launch the eye surgical operations, Medical Officer Dr Saw Thwin Mon Thein of Trachoma and Blind Prevention Project Region 4 and party arrived at Minywa on 19 October and registered 33 eye patients.

Myawady, 21 Oct—At 11.30 pm on 19 October, a fire broke out at the motorcycle workshop and fuel station in Thandada Ward of Myawady.

Firefighters from Myawady Fire Station put out the fire together with members of Police Station.

As there are two fuel stations near the area of fire, the local authorities sought the helping hands from the fire station of Mae Sot in Thailand. They could put out the fire at 5 am.

The root cause of outbreak of fire is under investigation. The loss may cost about K 3.2 million, said Police Sgt Khin Aung Kyaw of Myawady M yoma Police Station. Myawady M yoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against the owner of the shopping apartment that started outbreak of fire under the law. The local people estimated that worth of loss and damage may be higher than the official release.— Kyemon-M yat K o (Dawna Land)

Health Care

Nepalese, Myanmar specialists to provide free surgical operations

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Officials of disaster-hit island neglected disaster alert

Tokyo, 21 Oct — Officials on Izu Oshima, a small island south of Tokyo, neglected an alert regarding possible landslides sent by the Tokyo metropolitan government via fax for about six hours on Tuesday evening, just before a powerful typhoon, which left 27 dead and 19 missing, hit the island, town officials said on Saturday. All of the municipal government officials of the town of Oshima, which is administered by the Tokyo metropolitan government, went home temporarily, unaware of the fax, as the typhoon approached, they said.

The alert is jointly issued by the Japan Meteorological Agency and prefectural governments for municipal governments to utilize in making decisions about the issuance of evacuation advisories and directives. The town of Oshima covers the whole island and has a population of about 8,300. No evacuation advisory was issued for residents as Oshima mayor Masafumi Kawashima was on a business trip in Shimane Prefecture, western Japan, when the town was struck by the disaster in the early hours of Wednesday and the failure to get residents to safety has angered those who lost their homes and family members.

The metropolitan government failed to confirm that the alert had been received despite the lack of an acknowledgment from the municipal government, it said. A recording of the Tokyo metropolitan government and the weather agency jointly issued the alert calling for early preparations to evacuate town residents at 6:05 pm and immediately faxed the alert to the municipal government. Meanwhile in Oshima, the local officials decided on how to deal with the typhoon at around 5 pm, and all the officials, including those in charge of disaster prevention, were called at home by 6:30 pm before their planned return at around 2 am on Wednesday as they assumed that the peak of the storm would be around 3 am on Wednesday, the officials said.

An official finally found the faxed alert around midnight on Tuesday when he returned to the municipal government, they added. On Saturday, the town issued an evacuation advisory to around 2,200 residents. It has been extended to Monday morning, mayor Ka-washima said, as expected heavy rain could worsen the situation on the island. The island saw heavy rainfall Sunday morning. The weather agency forecast that intermittent heavy rain will continue from Sunday to Monday, warning of mudslides. Kawashima said the advisory will remain until around 8 a.m. Monday in view of the weather agency’s warning, adding that the local government will continue providing information to islanders. In the evening, there was a temporary black-out affecting a wide area including the town. While the municipal government and shelters in the town, Tokyo Electric Power Co. said.

Tens of thousands rally in HK to protest limiting free TV licenses

HONG KONG, 21 Oct — Tens of thousands of people marched in Hong Kong on Sunday to protest against government’s decision not to award a free-to-air broadcast license to one of three applicants. Police said as many as 36,000 people protested outside the headquarters of the government after it last week rejected Hong Kong Television Network’s application for a license. Other estimates of the number of protesters went as high as 120,000.

The protesters, who included staff members of HKTV and students, demanded the government clearly explain why it rejected the application submitted in 2009 by HKTV, which is run by businessman Ricky Wong who has invested a huge amount of money in the project. “How can anyone ignore the callings from 120,000 people?” Wong said on the company’s Facebook page. “Those who came out today are not for simply a choice of television channels but whether those in power respect the people’s will and whether Hong Kong still observes rules and regulations.”

The protesters suggested that political interference was behind the government’s denial of Wong’s bid, with some believing Beijing played a role in the decision. “Whether a television station can thrive in the market should be up to its viewership and the people, not a bunch of officials inside a room to decide,” one protester told Televisi on Broadcast, one of two already operating free TV broadcasters. In a statement Sunday, the government said the granting of licenses was “handled fairly” and it considered various factors in reaching its decision, including the need for “a gradual and orderly approach for introducing competition in the free TV market.”

The government reiterated it wants to introduce competition and provide more programming choice for audiences, while at the same time ensuring healthy and orderly market development.

India may take on lease 2nd nuclear sub from Russia

NEW DELHI, 21 Oct — Faced with a depleted fleet of submarines, India is expected to acquire on lease a nuclear submarine from Russia, a deal for which may be finalised during Prime Minister Manmohan Singh’s visit there starting today. The move to acquire the second nuclear submarine from Russia comes two months after the Navy’s frontline Russian-origin Kilo Class INS Sindhurakshak submarine sank at the Mumbai harbour after an explosion suspected to have occurred in its torpedo section.

Vietnam airlines plan fleet boom as roads and rail fail

HANOI, 21 Oct — Vietnam’s fledgling airline industry is poised for a boom as local competition heats up with fleet expansions, new routes and planned share offers that are set to make it one of the world’s three fastest growing markets. Even as the local economy chugs along at about 5 percent growth, its slowest pace in 13 years, demand for domestic air travel is growing by double digits. That is translating into a surprising new source of business for Boeing Co (BA.N), Airbus (EAD.PA) and regional aircraft makers such as Mitsubishi Aircraft Corp (7011.T), Bombardier Inc (BBD.B.TO) and Embraer SA (EMBR3.SA).

The International Air Transport Association expects Vietnam to become the world’s third-fastest growing market for international passengers and freight next year, and second-fastest for domestic passengers. Vietnam’s Aviation Department expects 15 percent growth in domestic passengers this year, more than double last year’s 7 percent rise. Though starting from a low base, Vietnam’s carriers are expected to boost their fleets in the next few years, double or tripling them to serve a domestic market of 90 million people and tourist arrivals growing on average 20 percent annually. Vietjet Aviation joint Stock Co, Vietnam’s first private airline, agreed last month to a provisional order for up to 92 Airbus jets worth $9 billion at list prices.

The low-cost carrier is aiming for a stock market listing in either Hong Kong or Singapore in 2015 to fund the expansion, which would start with flights to Tokyo, Beijing, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and South Korea, then eventually, China, Russia and Australia and beyond, Managing Director Luu Duc Khanh said.

Landing and parked Vietnam Airlines aircraft are seen, as well as a Vietjet A320 aircraft (R) at Tan Son Nhat airport in Vietnam’s southern Ho Chi Minh city on 20 Oct, 2013.— Reuters

Daio Paper to build diaper plant in Fukushima

TOKYO, 21 Oct — Daio Paper Corp plans to build a paper diaper plant in Fukushima Prefecture, northeastern Japan, to meet growing demand for disposable diapers amid the aging of the population, company officials said on Sunday.

The plant will be set up in Iwaki with investment of around 9 billion yen and operations are slated to commence from fiscal 2017 with production of about 50 million diapers a month. The company will consider expanding the monthly capacity by 30 million in the future, the officials said.
**Claims Day Notice**

**MV Ever Able Voy No (358N)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV EVER ABLE VOY NO (358N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.10.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**Shipping Agency Department Myanma Port Authority Agent for: M/S Ever Green Shipping**

Phone No: 256098/378316/376797

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**Claims Day Notice**

**MV Sima Perfect Voy No (1006)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SIMA PERFECT VOY NO (1006) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.10.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**Shipping Agency Department Myanma Port Authority Agent for: M/S China Shipping (Malaysia) Agency SDN BHD**

Phone No: 256098/378316/376797

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**Claims Day Notice**

**MV Hai Wang Xing Voy No (30L1)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HAI WANG XING VOY NO (30L1) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.10.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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**Shipping Agency Department Myanma Port Authority Agent for: M/S Solar Star Shipping & Enterprises Co., Ltd.**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

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**Amendment to Invitation for Tenders**

The Invitation for Tenders regarding the lease of land for the implementation of the Secondary Central Business District Project in Myangon Township and Commercial Complex Project in Mingala Taung Nyunt Township in Yangon region as advertised in the newspaper of the New Light of Myanman is on 9,12,16, September, 2013 hereby amended as follows:

A. Paragraph 1 of Invitation for Tender - Yangon City Development Committee hereby invites Tenders from interested local companies, foreign companies, local companies and foreign companies in joint ventures for the lease of land described below for the implementation of the Secondary Central Business District Project in Myangon Township and Commercial Complex Project in Mingala Taung Nyunt Township in Yangon region, M. Y. M.

B. Paragraph 7 of Invitation for Tender - Tenders shall be delivered to the above office on or before 15 hrs., on 2nd February, 2014. A ny Tender submitted after the designated date and time will not be considered.

Other terms and conditions of the Invitation for Tenders remain unchanged.

Tender Invitation Committee

Yangon City Development Committee

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**Claims Day Notice**

**MV Truong Minh Star Voy No ( )**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV TRUONG MINH STAR VOY NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.10.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W (4) where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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**Shipping Agency Department Myanma Port Authority Agent for: M/S G Link Express PTE LTD**

Phone No: 256924/256914

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**Smog closes schools, highways in NE China**

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**MEET THE INSIDER**

**China, UNESCO to strengthen cooperation**

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**A woman takes a Kinder Ferrero chocolate in Milan on 20 Nov, 2009. —Reuters**

**Italy’s chocolate king faces succession questions**

**Milan, 21 Oct — Michele Ferrero, Italy’s richest man and the owner of a global chocolate and confectionery empire, has always resisted the temptation to allow outsiders to buy into his company. In a statement on Thursday, his son Giovanni, the Chief Executive of the Ferrero group, rejected suggestions that the Italian company had been approached by larger Swiss competitor Nestle and said Ferrero was not for sale.**

**But like other family-controlled Italian companies that flourished in the post-war boom, the ambassador of chocolate-hazelnut spread Nutella, now 88, may soon be discussing succession plans. His other son Pietro, the chosen heir, run the Piedmont-based empire, died of a heart attack in January at the age of 57.**

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Carol Burnett honoured for comedy chops with Mark Twain

WASHINGTON, 21 Oct — Stars from television and stage honoured entertainer Carol Burnett on Sunday with the Kennedy Centre's Mark Twain Prize during a night that highlighted her decades-long comedy career while poking fun at politicians in Washington.

Broadway and film actress Julie Andrews, comedienne Tina Fey, and singer Tony Bennett were among the lineup of friends and colleagues who paid tribute to Burnett, whose variety series "The Carol Burnett Show" ran for 11 years.

"I'm overwhelmed, totally overwhelmed," Burnett told reporters ahead of the award ceremony. "I just hope after all these years, people will still remember my name." Burnett wiped her eyes as Andrews recalled her famous roles, bringing on stage. "We are here tonight to celebrate the first lady of American comedy," Ted Cruz, Fey said to laughter and applause from the audience, referring to the Republican senator from Texas whose opposition to Obamacare has been a point of contention.

"We are here tonight to celebrate the first lady of American comedy," she said. "I love you in a way which my prize was delivered. It was a long time in coming, but I understand because there are so many people funnier than I am. Especially here in Washington," she said after coming on stage to accept the award.

"With any luck they'll soon get voted out and I'll still have the Mark Twain Prize."

Politics aside, most of the evening focused on the actress whose famous roles include Princess Winifred in the original Broadway production of "Once Upon a Mattress" and Miss Hannigan in the film version of "Annie." Burnett wiped her eyes after crooner Bennett serenaded her with a smooth rendition of "The Way You Look Tonight," and she talked back from the balcony as Andrews recalled their shenanigans during decades of personal and professional partnerships.

"We're going on our 55th year of friendship," said Andrews, the star of movies "Mary Poppins" and "The Sound of Music.

"My squeaky clean image goes right out of the window when I'm with her," she added.

Colleagues described Burnett as generous and classy. Vicki Lawrence, a co-star on Burnett's long-running variety show, and Rosemary Watson, a fellow entertainer, described how Burnett helped their careers after responding to simple fan letters they had sent to her.

"She shaped my life as a child," Watson said. "She was the female comedian I wanted to be most like." Clips from "The Carol Burnett Show" played throughout the evening, and famous costumes — one of which now resides in Washington's Smithsonian museum — were brought onstage.

The Twain prize, named after the 19th-century satirist, is the nation's highest honor for achievements in comedy.

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Katie Holmes bonds with George Clooney

LOS ANGELES, 21 Oct — Actress Katie Holmes reportedly enjoys the company of actor George Clooney after bonding at a friend's dinner party. The 34-year-old actress was a guest at the premiere of Clooney's latest movie Gravity in New York.

"Katie and George have known each other for years. They met through her ex-husband Tom Cruise and have always got on," contactmusic.com quoted a source as saying. "Katie has had a crush on him for ages. They're both single and have met up a couple of times since the dinner party. Katie really has her sights set on him. There is a genuine connection," the source added.

However, the source insists that the romance is not serious.

"Katie and George are having a lot of fun. They are enjoying their new flirtation. He's a fun guy with buckets of charisma and Katie loves his company," the source said.— PTI

Angelina Jolie set to clinch 30 million pound autobiography deal

LONDON, 21 Oct— Actress Angelina Jolie is ready with her autobiography and is now finalising the deal with the publisher. Her book deal will reportedly be over 30 million pounds.

Three US based publishing houses are said to be in the race and vying for her attention, reports dailystar.co.uk. "Whoevery gets her will be sitting on a gold mine," said a source.

"Her book is guaranteed to top the bestseller lists in virtually every country on the planet and even an advance of that size would be recouped within weeks," the source added. A source close to the actress feels that Jolie is ready to tell the world about her life.

"She has always wanted to do this and believes the time is now right," said a source.— PTI

Hugh Jackman sees himself as a skinny long-legged guy

LOS ANGELES, 21 Oct— Actor Hugh Jackman says he doesn’t see himself as a well-built hunk, the way he appears in movies. Jackman, 44, has flaunted his perfect abs in The X-Men franchise as Wolverine.

"I still see myself as this skinny long-legged person. That body I have is for The Wolverine. I did work on it but it’s not my natural body, and I get a hard time for it," Cosmopolitan magazine quoted Jackman as saying.

The actor says his wife Deborra-Lee Furness expects him to be fat, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

"Deb tells me ’Your job as my husband is to be fat and schubby’, so no matter what’s going on with me, I look great," he said.— PTI
Euphoric Arsenal wary of Dortmund reality check

Arsenal's Mesut Ozil (L) celebrates scoring his second goal against Norwich City with team-mate Aaron Ramsey during their English Premier League soccer match at the Emirates Stadium in London, on 19 Oct. 2013. — Reuters

ROSSI STUNS JUVE WITH 15-MINUTE HAT-TRICK

FLORENCE, 21 Oct—Fiorentina, inspired by Giuseppe Rossi’s 15-minute hat-trick, hit back for a stunning 4-2 win over Serie A champions Juventus on Sunday, although they were nearly upset by 10-man Inter Milan’s remarkable 3-2 draw at Torino. Rossi, back this season after successive knee injuries, finally proved him for two years, led Fiorentina’s revival as they overthrew a 2-0 deficit, leaving Juventus coach Antonio Conte seething over his team’s collapse.

Inter had goalkeeper Samir Handanovic sent off in the 11th minute, when a cross deflected off his leg, with debutant Sassuolo, who won, going away to lead the table with 31 points. Rossi had needed to score for the first time this season, and they had needed to score for the first time this season, and they had scored.

Simpson eases to six-shot win in Vegas

LAS VEGAS, 21 Oct—Former US Open champion Webb Simpson hit the jackpot in Las Vegas on Sunday, cruising to his fourth career victory on the PGA Tour by commanding six strokes at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. He shot a third-round 66.

Four ahead of the chasing pack overnight, Simpson did not allow his challengers to get any closer than three strokes before tightening his grip on the title with three birdies in the last six holes at the TPC Summerlin.

On another calm and sunny day of ideal scoring conditions in the north Nevada desert, Simpson closed with a five-under-par 66 to post a 24-under total of 260 in the second event of the PGA Tour’s 2013-14 season.

Fellow American Jason Dufner, 2013 US Open winner, had also scored a 66 to share second place at 18 under with Japan’s Ryo Ishikawa (65), with another American, Charlie Hoffman, another Stroke to the fourth in a joint best-of-the-day 64.

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STOCKHOLM, 21 Oct—Bulgaria’s Grigor Dimitrov won his first ATP tour title by fighting back to upset Spanish top seed David Ferrer 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the final of the Stockholm Open on Sunday.

Ferrer, bidding for his third title of the year, went off to a flying start by winning the first set comfortably as both players suffered faltering.

Dimitrov broke late in the second to force a decider and then staved off two break points that would have put him 4-2 in the third before battling his way to victory against this year’s French Open finalist.

“Even if I would have lost the match, the most important thing was to test myself to the limits and try to control what I can. This was icing on the cake,” the 22-year-old said on the ATP website (www.atpworldtour.com).

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Bulgaria’s Grigor Dimitrov reacts after winning the ATP Stockholm Open tennis tournament men’s single final match against Spain’s David Ferrer at the Royal Lawn Tennis Club in Stockholm on 20 Oct, 2013. — Reuters

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Radioactive water leaks at Fukushima as operator investigates rainfall

Tokyo, 21 Oct—Highly radioactive water overflowed barriers into Japan’s Fukushima Daichi nuclear power plant, its operating utility said on Monday, after it underestimated how much rain would fall at the plant and failed to pump it out quickly enough. The utility, Tokyo Electric Power Co, also known as Tepco, has been battling to contain radioactive water at the nuclear complex, which suffered meltdowns and hydrogen explosions following the March 11, 2011, earthquake and tsunami.

Dealing with hundreds of tonnes of groundwater flowing through the wrecked nuclear plant daily is a constant headache for the utility and for the government, casting doubt on Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s promises that the Fukushima water “situation is under control.” After heavy rain on Sunday, water with high levels of radioactive strontium overflowed containment areas built around some 1,000 tanks storing radioactive water at the plant. Tepco said the radioactive water is a by-product of an improvised cooling system designed to keep the wrecked reactors under control in case of further disaster.

Tepco said it had planned to pump out the accumulating rainfall into empty tanks, check it for radioactivity, and if it was uncontaminated, release into the sea. But the company was overwhelmed by the amount of rainfall. “Our pumps could not keep up with the rainfall. As a result, it flowed over some containment areas,” said Tepco spokesman Yoshikazu Namiga. The company had planned for 30 to 40 centimeters of rainfall on Sunday, but by late afternoon the rainfall already stood at around 100 millimeters, he said.—Reuters

Schalke rely on Boateng and youth against Chelsea

BERLIN, 21 Oct—Schalke 04 are hoping new signing Kevin-Prince Boateng as well as teenagers Leon Goretzka and Max Meyer can power the Germans past Chelsea on Tuesday as they look for their third win in three games in their Champions League group.

While only a dozen players missing through injury, Schalke coach Jens Keller hinted that he would use a makeshift lineup on Tuesday. “We have to show a different face against Chelsea,” said Keller after their narrow 3-2 win over promoted Eintracht Braunschweig on Saturday.

While he did not know “what kind of team” he would use, he promised there would be “many young players,” Goretzka and Meyer, both 18 years old and among Germany’s biggest talents, were on target against Braunschweig, filling up on much-needed confidence before the match against Chelsea’s big names.

German international Boateng, who has almost single-handedly jump-started Schalke’s campaign to climb back up the table since joining in September, was ruled out with a knee injury on Saturday but is expected to return to training on Monday and Schalke hope he will be fit for Tuesday.

Schalke, top of Group E on six points, are aiming to get at least a draw against Chelsea to stay top of the table.

“Obviously Chelsea are the favourites to win the group,” said Schalke sports director Horst Heldt.

Schalke have a string of injuries, with striker Klaas-Jan Huntelaar, central defender Fabian Johnson and midfielder Marc Hoeger out. They also had Jefferson Farfan ruled out for some four weeks earlier this month.

“We have six points on the table and Chelsea have only three. They are still the favourites but it is them who are under pressure after losing on matchday one,” said Heldt. Chelsea’s Samuel Eto'o scored his first goal since joining the London club in Saturday’s 4-1 win over Cardiff.

“It’s always difficult when you change clubs but to change countries and leagues as well increases that,” assistant manager Steve Holland told reporters. “He’s scored goals at the top level throughout Europe all through his career but I’m sure he’ll still be feeling happier to have that first one under his belt and be off the mark. It’s something the staff and players have had on many days in training. Physically you can change as your life moves on but quality is permanent and we’ve seen that finishing in training for a good few weeks now and it was good that the supporters got to see it in a game today,” said Holland. “All strikers like to be scoring goals, it’s what helps them tick and to get off the mark is something I’m sure he’ll be happy about and hopefully we’ll get the benefit of that immediately.”

Coach Jose Mourinho was not available in the news conference after he was banned from the touchline for berating officials during the game.

Left back Ashley Cole is back in the squad after missing this weekend’s league game and England’s final two World Cup qualifiers this month with a rib injury, while aidine Schurrle also missed the Cardiff match because of a leg muscle injury.—Reuters
No plan to return seized firearms with license or permits to owners, heirs

**NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct**— The 11-day Pyithu Hluttaw session continued this morning.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun responded to the question raised by U Thein Tun Oo of Amarapura Constituency that there is no plan to give back the seized firearms which were allowed to hold under licences or permits to the original owners or their heirs.

Regarding the motion to amend the Child Law (The State Law and Order Restoration Council Law No. 9/93) submitted by U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Daw Su Su Hlaing, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo and Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union U Mynint Aung held discussions on the motion and stressed the need to take the death penalty into account. So, Hluttaw rejected the motion to be discussed.

Today’s Pyithu Hluttaw session came to an end in the afternoon and the 12-day session continues tomorrow. — MNA

Free eye surgical operations given to locals in Yangon, Bago, Ayeayawady and Mandalay Regions

**NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct**— A total of 604 patients from Yangon, Bago, Ayeayawady and Mandalay Regions were given eye surgical treatment by the eye specialists of the Department of Health under the Ministry of Health and the specialists of Tilignaga Institute of Ophthalmology from Nepal at Yangon Eye Hospital from 15 to 19 October.

Myanmar-Nepal free eye surgical operations were jointly performed by the eye specialists led by Professor Dr Tin Win of YEH and the experts from Nepal, Australia, Switzerland and Singapore. Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thein Khin met Dr Sanduk Ruit of Tilignaga Institute of Ophthalmology, Director Mr. Britton David Ewart of the Fred Hollows Foundation and Chairman of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Mr. Buchi Thomas Bernardhard of the Vision Tibet Foundation at Chattram Hotel yesterday evening and discussed academic matters for Myanmar eye specialists and cooperation in prevention of eye disease and treatment programmes.

The eye specialists, nurses and optical technicians from YEH made field trips to the townships in Yangon Region and Thabyu village in Kawa Township of Bago Region to give free eye surgical treatment to locals. — MNA

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The meeting ended in the morning and time and date for 11th day session will inform in time. — MNA

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Most recently, perpetrators carried out seven bomb blasts and four aborted attempts in some regions with the intention of disrupting peace and stability of the country and the rule of law and three innocent people including one foreigner were killed and 10 wounded in the incidents.

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