Myanmar to join all member States and peoples in supporting UN in taking up challenges

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—The following is the full text of the message sent by U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 68th Anniversary of the United Nations.

Today, we mark the 68th Anniversary of the United Nations. We have witnessed that the United Nations, since its inception, has been resolutely implementing its noble objectives of maintaining international peace and security and promoting friendly relations among nations. Additionally, it is also working resolutely to achieve international cooperation on economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character, and also on promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without any distinction.

One of the core responsibilities of the United Nations is to build a safer and more secure world. To us, the United Nations is based on, among others, prevention, mediation, peace building mission being implemented by the United Nations is based on, among others, prevention, mediation, negotiation, laying foundation for clean government and good governance, encouraging increased role of civil societies, rule of law and preservation of peace. At the same time, disarmament and non-proliferation efforts are being pursued.

Millennium Development Goals were adopted to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, as well as for the advancement of social and economic development of the people of the world by 2015. The historic implementation of MDGs help saved millions of the poor from severe poverty. However, development efforts need to continue and intensify beyond 2015. It is also important that it must be done through sustainable development. In deterring adverse consequences for development, we must also redouble our efforts on disaster-risk reduction and preparedness for disasters. Other important areas which need our closer attention are mitigating the impact of climate change, education for women and health for children. Encouragement and assistance to countries in transition must be continued.

While progresses have been achieved in implementing these goals, new challenges are also emerging with time and under changing circumstances.

The future United Nations should be responsive to these challenges and be better positioned to meet these expectation. It is pertinent that the member states provide the organization with necessary support and means. Myanmar will join all member States and peoples in supporting the Organization in taking up these challenges.

On behalf of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and its people, I would like to put on record our recognition and appreciation for the United Nations for its unwavering support to our political and socio-economic reforms.

On this auspicious occasion, I would like to reaffirm our commitment and support to the United Nations in its quest for more prosperous and peaceful world.

President U Thein Sein receives former Australian PM and party

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received an Australian delegation led by Hon. Bob Hawke, former Prime Minister of Australia, at a hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

They held discussions on friendship and amity between the two countries, Australia’s assistance to counter-narcotic activities in Myanmar during the time of the visiting former prime minister and Myanmar’s drive to eliminate narcotic drugs throughout the successive governments and Australia’s aid to Myanmar for education sector and scholarships.

Also present at the call were Union Ministers U Soe Thane and Dr Pe Thet Khin, Acting Union Minister Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister U Tin Oo Lwin and officials.

U Min Thein Zan presents Credentials to Sri Lankan President


UEC allows formation of political parties

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—The Union Election Commission has granted formation of political parties. A 19-member group comprising U Maung Maung Aye has applied for registration of Dawei National Party as a political party to UEC.

As the registration of the Dawei Nationals Party is in conformity with laws and by-laws, the UEC allowed it to form a political party today.
**Nation-building Endeavours**

**Kalay to get modern design of traffic lights**

**Kalay, 23 Oct**—As number of cars and motorcycles is on the increase in Kalay of Sagaing Region, it is projected to install the traffic lights at Bogyoke Road Junction to prevent traffic accidents and to equip the town with characteristics of a town.

“The number of cars and motorcycles are growing day by day in the town. A total of 1686 vehicles, 814 tuk-tuks, 53805 motorcycles, 180 trawlergy and 59 heavy machinery have registered of 1686 vehicles, 814 tuk-tuks, 53805 motorcycles, 180 trawlergy and 59 heavy machinery have registered in Kalay. Moreover, vehicles from Tiddim, Falam, Gangaw, Tamu and Kalewatownships flow into the town daily. The junction of town is the most busy place. Kalay is the most bustling in Upper Chindwin region,” said local people.

“The traffic light to be installed at the junction is similar to that of Thailand. We will install it with Thai design. It will be supplied electricity with solar panel. With regard to the traffic light, LED board bears yellow, green and red K 4,725,000, Power System K 367,500, transport K 200,000, totally amounting to K 6,126,500 without labour charges,” said officials of Township Development Supportive Committee.

KYEON-043

**Field Day of sugarcane GAP model plot in Kanma**

**Kanma, 23 Oct**—Organized by Industrial Crops Development Department, the field day of sugarcane GAP model plot was held at sugarcane plantation field in Myinbyin Village-tract in Kanma Township of Thayet District in Magway Region on 21 October.

It was attended by Township Administrator U Kyaw Soe Moe Tun, Secretary of Township Management Committee Police Major Bo Win, members of Township Agricultural Supervisory Committee, members of Township Development Supportive Committee and sugarcane growers totalling about 120.

The township administrator explained the tasks of agriculture sector for rural development, poverty alleviation, and improvement of social and economic of farmers.

In charge of Township Industrial Crops Development Department U Myo Thida briefed those present on thriving sugarcane plantations through good agricultural patterns for production of 50 tons per acre.

Officials explained quality of sugarcane grown through GAP to the local farmers.

KYEON-043

**CRIME**

**Break failure of car kills one**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 23 Oct**—A case of overturn caused between mile posts 123/7 and 124/0 on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway in Ottwin Township of Bago Region on 18 October morning.

According to the information, policemen from Bawdagon Expressway Police Station inspected the incident.

An accident occurred driven by Tun Aung Zaw, 25, of Maudan Ward in Chanmyathazi Township of Mandalay Region hit the traffic island in the incident due out of control and overturned.

In the incident, Daw Kyaw Mu, 55 from Bawdagon of Mandalay suffered injuries to eyes, nose and bruises on left ear and Ma Shan Ma, 45, to right forehead, cheek and eye. Although authorities transferred Daw Kaw Mu to Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital via Pyu Hospital, she died at the hospital.

The vehicle’s windshield, door shields and body worth K 1.5 million were damaged.

Bawdagon Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Tun Aung Zaw under the law.

KYEON-Police Information

**HRD**

**Inya Village-tract of PyinOoLwin Tsp to get Post-Primary School**

**PyinOoLwin, 23 Oct**—Mandalay Region Government undertakes improvement of inter-village roads to be used all the year round and upgrading of basic Education Primary Schools to post-primary schools for enhancement of economic, education, social and health sectors and socio-economic life of the local people.

The Chief Minister of Mandalay Region on his tour to Phathin Village-tract of PyinOoLwin met with local people and village administrators and attended to the needs of education, economic and health for the local people.

The local people submitted the report on requirement of BEPPS in Inya Village-tract. The Chief Minister allotted K 21.6 million allotted by the region government for upgrading the school to Basic Education Post-Primary School.

Therefore, the school construction committee was formed by Village Administrator U Myo Lwin and officials. They constructed the school building spending K 21.6 million allotted by the region government and K 5 million by local people.

The school building will have one 100 feet by 30 feet five-classroom building and one four-room toilet. The buildings will be opened soon.

On completion, children from Thanyagon, Hnynintaung and Kyeeckang villages will have easy access to education at Inya Village PEPPS.

KYEON-District/IPRD

**Bikers die in crash of motorbikes**

**Thanlyin, 23 Oct**—Two motorbikes bumped against each other on the middle way of the six-lane road near Thanatpin Village of Thanlyin Township of Yangon South District, Yangon Region, at about 11 pm on 20 October.

JLM 110 motorcycle driven by Zin Min Tun heading for north from south and Kenbo-125 of Soe Min Oo accidentally hit each other due to out of control.

In the accident, both motorcyclists died on the spot.

Thanlyin Myoma Police Station opened files of lawsuit against them under the law.—KYEON-Tada Kyaw Lwin
Japan to move up start of English course to 3rd grade

BEIJING, 23 Oct — Chinese Premier Li Keqiang held talks with visiting Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in the Great Hall of the People on Wednesday morning.

During the talks, the two sides exchanged views on bilateral relations and other issues of common interest. This is the second time this year that the heads of government of the two countries have met following Li’s visit to India in May. It is the first time since 1954 that a Chinese premier and his Indian counterpart have met in each other’s country in the same year.

Singh arrived in Beijing on Tuesday night for a three-day official visit to China. Chinese President Xi Jinping will meet with the Indian prime minister. Top legislators Zhang Dejiang will also meet with Singh. The Indian prime minister will deliver a speech at the Party School of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China.

Chinese premier holds talks with Indian PM

120 to evacuate Izu Oshima Island as another typhoon may approach

TOKYO, 23 Oct — Around 120 residents will evacuate storm-battered Izu Oshima Island south of Tokyo on a chartered ship on Wednesday afternoon following predictions that another powerful typhoon may arrive later this week.

The evacuees are elderly people and their helpers, according to the municipal government of Oshima, which will assist battered homes on the island and provide shelter and food for several days.

The central government has requested the evacuation of residents from 120 homes on the island, about 20 km south of Tokyo.

The death toll on the island from the 26th typhoon, which last Wednesday brought torrential downpours and gusts reaching 40 km per hour, has reached 29 so far, while 15 others still remain unaccounted for, according to the municipal government and police.

Francisco was located some 210 kilometers south of Minamidaito Island, and moving west-northwest at a speed of 15 kilometers per hour as of 9 a.m. Wednesday, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency.

Economy, energy centre stage as German coalition talks begin

BERLIN, 23 Oct — German Chancellor Angela Merkel’s conservatives and the Social Democrats (SPD) start hammering out compromises on economic, energy and euro policies on Wednesday, the opening day of talks on a coalition government that should be in place by Christmas.

The parties, which together ruled in Merkel’s first term from 2005 to 2009, set out a timeline for the negotiations on Tuesday, when they foresaw a deal by the end of November.

They agreed to push for a European financial transactions tax, harsh rules for creditors to bear the cost of failing banks, and a renewed effort to stem youth unemployment in southern Europe.

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Australian evacuates homes as hot winds fan Sydney fire threat

SYDNEY, 23 Oct — Thousands of Australians were urged to evacuate their homes on Wednesday as dry winds threatened to fan a firestorm in mountainous bushland around Sydney, where firefighters battled to control blazes which have been raging for a week.

More than 200 homes have been destroyed in New South Wales (NSW) state since last Thursday, when bushfires tore through Sydney’s outskirts, razing entire streets. One man died from a heart attack while trying to save his home.

Wednesday’s fire conditions were shaping up as the worst so far, prompting authorities to warn of more property losses and advise residents of the Blue Mountains west of Sydney to abandon their homes.

“If you don’t have a plan, let me give you one,” NSW Emergency Minister Michael Gallacher said. “Get into the car, drive down to the city metropolitan area and let the firefighters do what they can do to protect the community, should this turn for the worse.”

Temperatures in the Blue Mountains, a popular weekend getaway for Sydneysiders, are expected to reach up to 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit).

In Sydney itself they could hit 35 degrees Celsius (95 Fahrenheit).

There were 59 fires burning across the state on Wednesday, with 19 out of control, according to the RFS. Over 2,000 firefighters were battling the blazes across a vast area, backed by 95 helicopters and reinforcements from other states. — Reuters

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Chinese Premier Li Keqiang (L) holds a welcome ceremony for Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh before their talks in Beijing, capital of China, on 23 Oct, 2013. — Xinhua

Japanese evacuees from Izu Oshima Island are seen at a temporary evacuation center in Tokyo on Wednesday. — Kyodo News

Japan and UNESCO hold a signing ceremony in Kabul on 22 Oct, 2013, for their joint literacy programme to be implemented in Afghanistan. Japan pledged to provide about 2 billion yen (about $20.34 million) in grants over the next three years for the programme. — Kyodo News

Some allies are hoping a government that includes the SPD will allow Merkel to focus on opening formal negotiations with the SPD.

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New Light of Myanmar
**Neolithic cave dwelling found in NW China**

Yinchuan, 23 Oct — A large-scale neolithic site, including a rare cave dwelling, has been unearthed in northwest China’s Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, sources with the regional Hui Autonomous Region, northwest China’s Ningxia said on Tuesday. Archaeologists have been working on the site, which is located in Shatang Township, Longle County, since 10 July, said Fan Jun, head of the archaeological team.

Up till now, over 400 square meters of the site, including a cave dwelling, has been excavated, Fan said, adding that the excavation is expected to be complete by the end of October. “The cave dwelling is an important finding from the site as it is rare to see such an intact and well-preserved building site dating back to the neolithic times between 4,300 and 5,300 years ago,” Fan said.

The finding is helpful for research on the production forms of ancient humans and their way of life, he said. Along with the ancient building sites, pottery, stone tools and bone tools have also been unearthed. Judging from these ancient utensils, archaeologists believed the neolithic site could be traced back to about 4,500 years ago.

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**Nokia launches tablet, joins large-screen smartphone race**

ABU DHABI, 23 Oct — Nokia unveiled its first tablet and two large-screen smartphones, known as phablets, at the annual Nokia World event in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday.

The Lumia 2520 tablet, along with its Lumia 1520 and 1620 phablets, are among the last products the Finnish company developed to compete with Apple and Samsung before deciding to sell its handset business to Microsoft.

The new Lumias use Microsoft’s Windows Phone operating system and will face tough competition from large-screen smartphones from Samsung and Apple, which is also expected to unveil lighter, faster iPads on Tuesday.

The Microsoft deal is due to close in the first quarter of next year and the new products, which will carry the Nokia brand, are part of the US company’s drive to become a leading player in global consumer devices. — Reuters

**China to better finance science and technology development**

BEIJING, 23 Oct — China will improve the way it provides financial support to science and technology development, Finance Minister Lou Jiwei said on Tuesday. When delivering his report to the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress, Lou said despite increasing financial input into the sector, reforms are needed to improve the system’s effectiveness.

Basic research relies heavily on financial support from central government rather than local governments or enterprises, and the proportion of research and development expenditure spent on basic research is too low, said Lou in the report to the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress. In addition, the science and technology funding system lacks coordination between departments, and relations between the government and the market have not been clearly defined, affecting the effectiveness of fiscal support.

Lou said the most fundamental way to address problems is to go deeper reform of the science and technology system. He said the government will continue to transform its functions and build a science-technology innovation system with enterprises as major players. The government will also promote other forms of financial support, such as angel investment and government procurement of services.

Lou said the science and technology evaluation system and management of financial funds in the sector should be improved, and in the meantime, strengthen the monitoring and supervision of its use. The country’s fiscal and scientific expenditure in science and technology development increased from 168.9 billion yuan in 2006 to 560 billion yuan in 2012, an annual growth rate of 22.73 percent. — Xinhua

**Twitter account of China’s state broadcaster hacked**

BEIJING, 23 Oct — China’s state broadcaster CCTV News said on Tuesday its Twitter account was hacked, and deleted a tweet claiming the country’s president had set up a special unit to probe corruption accusations against a former domestic security chief. The tweet on Monday evening appeared to refer to an article in Hong Kong’s South China Morning Post newspaper. “The CCTV News Twitter account was targeted on 21 October and used illegally to post incorrect information copied from other sources,” CCTV said through its English-language Twitter account. “The unauthorized information was deleted.”

CCTV spokeswoman Zhang Xiaojian confirmed that one of the broadcaster’s Twitter accounts was hacked, but did not elaborate. China, which is often accused of orchestrating hacking attacks, says it is one of the world’s biggest victims of such activities. Chinese President Xi Jinping has set up a special unit to investigate corruption allegations against the retired leader Zhou Yongkang, read the deleted tweet, according to a screen grab on freeweibo.com, which is run by an anti-censorship site, grearear.org.

Overseas media, including the South China Morning Post, had said that China was being investigated for corruption. Sources told Reuters last month he was helping in a graft probe, rather than being targeted himself. Zhou retired as security tsar and from the Communist Party’s all-powerful Politburo Standing Committee during a sweeping leadership reshuffle last November.

Xi has identified corruption as a threat to the survival of the ruling Communist Party, and has promised to crack down on both high-flying “tigers” and lowly “flies.” — Reuters

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**An illustration picture shows Twitter logos on a computer screen in Frankfurt, on 21 Oct, 2013.** — Reuters

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Bottle feeding may increase risk of stomach obstruction in infants

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct — Infants who were bottle fed were more likely to be at risk of developing hypertrophic pyloric stenosis (HPS), a form of stomach obstruction, than those who were breastfed, US researchers said on Monday.

The risk appears to be magnified when mothers are older and have had more than one child, researchers from the Seattle Children’s Hospital in the US state of Washington, reported in the US journal JAMA Pediatrics.

HPS typically occurs during an infant’s first two months of life and surgery is needed to correct the obstruction, which occurs because of a thickening of the smooth muscle layer of the pylorus, the passage between the stomach and small intestines. Despite its incidence of about two cases in every 1,000 births, its cause remains unknown. The researchers used birth certificates and discharge data in the US state of Washington to examine births between 2003 and 2009 and found 714 infants were admitted with HPS and had HPS surgery. The findings indicated that the incidence of HPS decreased from 14 per 10,000 births in 2003 to 9 per 10,000 births in 2009 while breastfeeding prevalence increased from 80 percent in 2003 to 94 percent in 2009.

The researchers said that about 19.5 percent of infants who developed HPS were bottle fed, compared with 9 percent of babies who were breastfed, and the odds of an infant developing HPS also increased when mothers were 35 years and older and had given birth more than once.

“These data suggest that bottle feeding may play a role in HPS etiology, and further investigations may help to elucidate the mechanisms underlying the observed effect modification by age and parity,” the researchers concluded.

In a related editorial, Douglas Barnhart, of the Primary Children’s Hospital, Salt Lake City in the US state of Utah, said the findings “bring us a step closer to being able to drop iatrogenic from hypertrophic pyloric stenosis.”

“While the data seem convincing that bottle feeding increases the risk, the reason is not clear,” he said.

“Further understanding of the pathogenesis of hypertrophic pyloric stenosis will come from both basic research and more detailed epidemiologic studies.” —Xinhua

Good night’s sleep may help to prevent Alzheimer’s

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct — Scientists said on Tuesday they have found older people who get poor sleep may have more of the plaque or beta amyloid that is suggestive of Alzheimer’s disease in their brains.

The findings, published online on 21 October in the journal JAMA Neurology, revealed that during sleep there are changes in the brains of lab mice that help flush out toxins such as beta amyloid produced by brain’s neurons in active circuits.

It might be possible that improving sleep could help prevent Alzheimer’s disease, suggested Adam Spira, an assistant professor in the department of mental health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

“We live in a sleep-deprived society,” Spira said. “It may be that changing sleep habits has significant implications for mental health and specifically the prevention of Alzheimer’s disease.”

Xinhua

Netflix customer gains reinforce growth hopes, shares jump

LOS ANGELES, 23 Oct — Netflix Inc gained more subscribers than expected at home and abroad with help from original series like “Orange is the New Black,” impressing investors who sent its shares surging nearly 11 percent to a record high on Monday. Netflix, the biggest gainer in the S&P 500 in 2013, quadrupled profit in the third quarter as it added a higher-than-expected 1.3 million customers to its subscription video streaming service in the United States.

The company, which has invested heavily in original series such as political satire “House of Cards,” said it had 31.1 million US streaming users from July to September. For the last three months of the year, Netflix said it expects to add about the same number of US streaming customers it signed up a year earlier, and will end 2013 with 27.7 million to 33.5 million users. “That keeps the view alive that this company has a larger subscriber base and has pricing leverage in its corner to extract more value,” said Janney Montgomery Scott analyst Tony Wible, who rates Netflix a “buy.”

Shares rose 10.6 percent after-hours to $392.50, up from their close of $354.99 on the Nasdaq.

Yahoo sought to ‘pause’ search rollout with Microsoft

SAN FRANCISCO, 23 Oct — A US judge on Monday refused to let Yahoo halt Yahoo HOO.O delay using Microsoft Corp’s Bing search capabilities in Taiwan and Hong Kong, affirming an arbitrator’s decision in favor of Microsoft.

The court said it will double investments in original programming in 2014, when it will air second seasons of both “House of Cards” and “Orange is the New Black.” Spending on original shows will remain below 10 percent of its global content expenses.

Netflix was added in September as an option on cable set-top boxes through two companies in Europe, CEO Reed Hastings, in a webcast after the earnings release, said he was “hopeful” Netflix could reach a similar deal with Comcast Corp or other US cable operators.

Yahoo and Microsoft began a 10-year search partnership in 2010, before Mayer took over as Yahoo’s CEO. The two companies hoped their combined efforts could mount a more competitive challenge to Google Inc, the world’s No. 1 search engine. The partnership has not lived up to expectations. Google remains the dominant search engine, with roughly two-thirds of the US search market, while Microsoft and Yahoo’s combined share of the market is essentially unchanged.

Yahoo said it wanted to pause the process until Mayer had a chance to discuss the partnership with Ballmer’s successor, according to a court filing. Microsoft said in August that Ballmer would retire within 12 months. Mayer has criticized the partnership in the past.

“We need to see monetization working better because we know that it can and we’ve seen other competitors in the space illustrate how well it can work,” Mayer said at an investor conference in February. Microsoft and Yahoo were not immediately available for comment. —Reuters

UN Secretary-General’s Message on United Nations Day

24 October 2013

Dear friends,

United Nations Day is a chance to recognize how much this invaluable Organization contributes to peace and common progress.

It is a time to reflect on what more we can do to realize our vision for a better world.

The fighting in Syria is our biggest security challenge.

Millions of people depend on UN humanitarian personnel for lifesaving assistance.

UN experts are working hand-in-hand with the Nobel Peace Prize-winning Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to destroy Syria’s stockpiles.

And we are pushing for a diplomatic solution to end suffering that has gone on far too long.

Our most urgent development challenge is to make sustainability a reality.

The Millennium Development Goals have cut poverty in half.

Now we must maintain the momentum, craft an equally inspiring post-2015 development agenda and reach an agreement on climate change.

This year again, we saw the United Nations come together on armed conflict, human rights, the environment and many other issues.

We continue to show what collective action can do. We can do even more.

In a world that is more connected, we must be more united.

On United Nations Day, let us pledge to live up to our founding ideals and work together for peace, development and human rights.

UNIC/Yangon

New Light of Myanmar

Business & Health

Reuters
US, NATO officials expect approval for Afghan troop deal

BRUSSELS, 23 Oct—Senior US and NATO officials said on Tuesday they were confident Afghan-istan’s elders and parliament would back a deal allowing American troops to stay there after 2014, playing down lingering concerns over the accord.

The Afghan president’s spokesman Aimal Faizai had told Reuters on Sunday Ka-bal and Washington had not yet agreed on several issues in a bilateral security pact, raising the prospect that the US might still have to pull all its troops from the war-ravaged nation by the deadline. But two days later, Afghan Defence Minister Bismullah Khan Moham-madi was positive about the prospects of a Bilateral Security Agreement during talks with Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel on the sidelines of a NATO meet-ing in Brussels, according to a US defence official. “Mohammadi ex-pressed strong confidence that the (Bilateral Securi-ty Agreement) would be agreed to soon, and that the vast majority of Afghans support it,” the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

It was not immediately possible to reach Mohammadi or his aides to confirm the comments on the part which Washington and Ka-bal have been trying to con-clude for almost a year. The deal (should) help de-termine how many US sol-diers and bases remain in Afghanistan after most for-eign combat troops exit by the end of next year.

A senior US military official, speaking sepa-rately to reporters traveling with Hagel on condition he not be named, also said he “saw a very, very, very low probability” of total withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Jerusalem mayor wins re-election in boost to Netanyahu

JERUSALEM, 23 Oct—The Israeli mayor of Jerusa-lem has won re-election in a hotly contested race against a challenger linked to a far-right opponent of Prime Minister Benjamin Netan-yahu.

Former high-tech ty-coon Nir Barkat won about 51 percent of votes in poll-ing held on Tuesday, a count of all ballots showed. His main rival, Moshe Lion, polled about 45 per-cent. Other votes went to a third candidate.

In a prerawn victory speech to cheering supporter-s on Wednesday, Barkat, 54, called the election “one of the most complicated and difficult races” he had seen, but was thankful to voters he said “gave us a mandate to lead the city with the same vision for the next five years.”

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Greece cuts off state funding to far-right Golden Dawn party

ATHENS, 23 Oct—Greek lawmakers voted to cut off state funding to the far-right Golden Dawn par-ty early on Wednesday, the latest effort by the govern-ment to clamp down on a party it has branded a “neo-Nazi criminal gang”.

Golden Dawn had steadily risen on the back of an anti-austerity and anti-immigrant agenda to be-come Greece’s third-most popular party, until the kill-ing of a left-wing rapper by a party supporter last month triggered the government crackdown.

A legislative provision passed by 235 lawmakers in the 300-seat parliament sus-pends all financial resources to politi-cal parties if their leaders, or a tenth of their lawmak-ers, are charged with in-volvement in a “criminal organization” or “acts of terrorism”. The move could deprive Golden Dawn of a major financial resource.

Athens has earmarked 11 million euros for elected parties in 2013, including 873,000 euros ($1.20 mil-lion) for Golden Dawn. After entering par-lament last year and ap-pearing virtually immune to frequent accusations of violence against immi-grants and leftists, the party has been on the defensive since the fatal stabbing of 34-year-old Pavlos Fissas.

The killing prompted prosecutors to investigate party lawmakers over a series of crimes and Prime Minister Antonis caused Samaras’s conservative-led government to probe the police force. Samaras has vowed to wipe out the party and described it as a “gang of neo-Nazis” that threatens democracy. Golden Dawn’s leader, Nikosia Mihaliali-kos, and two senior law-makers have been put be-hind bars pending trial on charges of participation in a criminal group. This is the first time that elected politicians have been jailed in Greece since a military coup in 1967. Three other lawmakers, who were ar-rested, have been freed pending trial.—Reuters

UNESCO to list Japanese food as intangible cultural heritage

TOKYO, 23 Oct—The UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is expected to register tra-di-tional Japanese food as an intangible cultural heritage asset in early December, sources close to the matter said on Tuesday.

An organization that screens candidates for UNESCO registration has already issued a report recom-mending Japanese food be listed, they said. A third candidate.

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Focus on Arab states to fill Saudi Security Council seat, Kuwait a front-runner

RIYADH, 23 Oct—Sau-di Arabia’s unprecedented rejection of a UN Security Council place has pushed the world body into unchart-ed territory, but fellow Gulf nation Kuwait is emerging as an early front-runner to fill the seat. With 10 weeks until Saudi Arabia’s term on the 15-member Security Council was due to start on 1 January - UN diplo-mats do not appear to be in a rush to fill the vacancy and some are hoping Riyadh might still change its mind.

“ONE wants to see what will happen,” British UN Ambassador Mark Lyall Grant said on Tuesday.

The Arab group of countries at the United Na-tions urged Saudi Arabia on Saturday to reconsider its decision to renounce the rotating seat on the council in protest at the body’s fail-ure to end the war in Syria and act on other Middle East issues. Saudi Arabia’s decision on Friday to turn down the two-year term

has diplomats and officials scratching their heads over what formal notification is needed to begin the pro cess of deciding an alterna-tive candidate. “There is no agreed procedure because this is the first time that it has happened,” said French UN Ambassador Gerard Araud.—Reuters

Vietnam hosts regional broadcasting union’s annual meeting

HA NOI, 23 Oct—The 50th General Assembly and Associated Meetings of Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union kicked off in Viet-nam’s capital of Hanoi on Wednesday with the par ticipation of more than 700 international and domestic professionals in the field.

The annual event themed “Serving our au-dience in the digital era, making a perspective shift from technology to audi ence” is to focus on how broadcasters can meet the needs of audiences in the digital age. During the six-day event, hosted by Vi-etnam Television (VTV), participants will discuss the most pressing issues facing a changing media landscape as well as attend the high-level forum series “Women with the wave: Information and Communication Tech-nology and Media Inclu-sion of Women, Girls and Persons with disabilities”.—Xinhua

Photo taken on 22 Oct, 2013, shows dishes of the month themed “Serving our au-dience in the digital era, making a perspective shift from technology to audi ence” at the 50th General Assembly and Associated Meetings of Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union kicked off in Viet-nam’s capital of Hanoi on Wednesday with the par ticipation of more than 700 international and domestic professionals in the field.

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World Osteoporosis Day observed in Mandalay

Mandalay, 23 Oct—A ceremony to mark the World Osteoporosis Day was held at Orthopaedic Specialist Hospital (Mandalay) of Health Department under the Ministry of Health on 20 October.

Rector Dr Marlar Win of University of Nursing (Mandalay) and officials presented prizes to winners in the poster contest.

They provided free health care for orthopaedic diseases to the patients and medicines to them.

A total of 200 nursing trainees gave educative talks to patients.

At the ceremony, 427 patients received medical checkups whether they suffer osteoporosis disease.

This year motto was Strong Women Make Stronger Women. Kyemon-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Those present at ceremony to mark World Osteoporosis Day ceremony.

Efforts for standardizing health education

Yangon, 23 Oct—International Center of Excellence being opend at the Science Hall of Yangon University and John Hopkins University and Perdana University jointly conducted the Update in Women’s Health workshop at the Science Hall of the university on 21 October.

“We held the workshop for enabling the persons from education and health fields to know modern medical science and health knowledge,” said Daw Yuza Maw Tun, Vice-Chairperson of International Centre of Excellence.

The workshop was held on 21 and 22 October by Dr Isabel C Green and Dr Module Aguch of John Hopkins and Perdana Universities discussed health knowledge in medical science.

The workshop was attended by University of Medicine-1, and 2, University of Nursing, Defence Services Medical Academy, Defence Services Institute Nursing and Paramedical Sciences, Yangon West General Hospital, Workers’ Hospital, Insein Hospital, Mingaladon Hospital, Sanpya Hospital, Aungyadana Specialist Hospital, Asia Tawwin Hospital, Victoria Hospital, Sakura Hospital, Bah So Hospital, Maha Myaing Specialist Hospital, Punlaing Hospital, Myanmar Medical Association, Myanmar Medical Science Council, Myanmar Pharmacy Association, rectors and faculty members totalling 50.

As Myanmar cooperates with international universities for upgrading education standard of the nation, ICOE held workshops with experts from Myanmar universities and Illinois University in July, with South Korean University in August and Perdana Hospital in September.—MMAL-Wai Than Oo

Tachilek

Blocks of heroin seized in Tachilek

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 Oct—Members of No 30 Special Anti-Drug Squad of Tachilek and policemen, acting on a tip-off, together with witnesses, searched Honda 125 motorcycle driven by Tar Ae, 22 of Sanku Village in Loiakawham Village-tract, near the jetty of May Flower Ground near Maesai Jetty in Macaokham Ward of Tachilek on 20 October afternoon.

They seized 400 blocks of heroin weighing 133.33 kilos from four bags.

The seizure of the heroin was worth K 1999.95 million.

Action was taken against Tar Ae under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Kyemon-Police Information

Tar Ae seen with heroin blocks worth K 1999.95 million.

Myeik, 23 Oct—As part of conservation of ancient cultural heritage, Dragon boat rowing demonstration was held at the jetty of U Kyaw Win sawmill on Taryoe Street in Chaunggyi Ward of Taninthayi Region recently.

New generation youths will participate in the rowing demonstration.

The local youths were in rowing drill so as to take part in the contest that will start on 23 October.

The rowers from various regions and states arrived there to take part in the contest.

Kyemon-Moe Hein (Myeik)

Youth in training session for Dragon boat rowing contest in Myeik.

National Sports

Plan underway to hold dragon boat rowing demonstration in Taninthayi Region

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The dry batteries from the dolls was ablaze in overheating situation causing outbreak of fire to the mattresses of Daw San San Soe, owner of the shop.

The fire engulfed the whole building which is 20 feet by 50 feet, worth K 6.75 million.

A file of lawsuit was opened against Daw San San Soe under the law.

Kyemon-108

Two-storey building ablaze between two three-storey buildings

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Motion for reengineering of educational …

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.... take necessary measures in accord with the report of Aung Myaung Win, Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee on upgrading of Nattalin-Damang-Taunggyo road in Rangoon Region submitted by U Thein Win of Sagaing Region Constituency No (9).

Later, the Speaker of Aung Myaung Hluttaw announced the date to seek the approval of the Hluttaw on the motions after making clarifications on them by the relevant members of the Union government within a 21-day prescribed period.

Today’s session came to an end in the afternoon and the 12-day session will be held on 25 October.—MNA

Seminar on legislative drafting and statutory interpretation held

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct— Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin addressed a seminar on legislative drafting and statutory interpretation, organized by the Office of the Attorney-General of the Union and UNDP, at the Office of the Attorney-General of the Union, here, this morning.

He said that in the past the Office of the Union Attorney-General did not see such kind of seminar on legislative drafting and statutory interpretation in collaboration with international organizations. Myanmar lawmakers were to pursue further studies in foreign countries. Today’s workshop should be recognized as a milestone of the history. He expressed his belief that the seminar is really beneficial to Myanmar lawmakers and those who involved in drafting laws of the ministries.

Team Leader Ms. Emma Morley of UNDP Myanmar and Mr. Daniel Greenberg, Counsel in the Office of Speaker’s Counsel, House of Commons, London said that the organization continues cooperating with the Union Attorney-General’s Office as it plays a leading role in law drafting sector in the country, and claimed that courses on drafting laws would be conducted in Myanmar. —MNA

Technical rules for ASEAN Armies Shooting Contest discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct— Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin poses for documentary photo with participants.—MNA

According to ICAO, the 23rd ASEAN Armies Shooting Contest was held at AARM Village in PyinU stall in this morning.

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ICAO delegation arrives in Yangon

Director-General U Tin Naing Tun of Department of Civil Aviation and officials met with the General Secretary of the secretary and party of ICAO at Civil Aviation Training Institute on 19 October morning.

YANGON, 23 Oct—To ensure the development of Myanmar’s civil aviation sector, a delegation led by Mr. Raymond Benjamin, Secretary General of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), arrived here on 18 October.
MANDALAY, 23 Oct—OG cervical cancer specialist Dr Orye and professor of Belbium gave lectures at Central Women’s Hospital in Mandalay on 21 October.

Firstly, Medical Superintendent of CWH Dr Daw Than Thaung and Professor/Dean of OG Department Dr Daw Kyi Kyi Nyunt extended greetings and introduced Belgian OG specialist and professor to those present.

The opening ceremony was attended by Rector of Mandalay University of Medicine Prof Dr U Tin Maung Han, Professor/Dean of Pathology Department Dr U Huy Hla, Pathologist Dr Daw Khin Mya Mon, professors, associate professors, lecturers and specialists.

Belgian OG specialist Dr Orye and Pathologist Prof Verguts and Prof Prat conducted the practical and theoretical training to 60 OG specialists and pathologists at Central Women’s Hospital (Mandalay) from 21 to 25 October with the permission of the Ministry of Health.

The training course was attended by OG post-graduate trainees, doctoral course trainees and FRCS candidates.

The Belgian specialists cooperated with OG specialists from Central Women’s Hospital (Mandalay) checked cervical cancer and key hole surgery works at patients at the hospital.

Next, members of Township Development Supportive Committee and town’s elders reported on requirements. Also present at the meeting were the commissioner of Shan State, district and township administrators, town’s elders, ward administrators, entrepreneurs and members of Maternal and Child Welfare Associations, totalling 210.

MCDC, ADB jointly draw green city plan

Mandalay City Development Committee and Asian Development Bank will draw the Green City Plan and collect the data.

The small groups will conduct surveys on 73 points from 600 households. The teams will collect data from 100 households from six townships of Mandalay City Development Committee, totalling 600 households, from 26 October to 5 November.

MCDC is carrying out its tasks for municipal area such as Chanayetazan, Mahaaungmye, Aungmyethazan, Chanmyathazi, Pyigyidagun and Amarapura townships. Most of the trainees are at Mandalay and Mandalay Hill in the background.

Hotel services courses kick off

Diamond Palace Hotel Co Ltd opened the Hotel Services Course No 28/2013 for Hotel Service Grade I and Hotel Supervisor Grade II at Mandalay Hall of Zaygyo Hotel, Chanayetazan Township of Mandalay on 21 October morning.

Mandalay Region In-charge of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism U Nyi Nyi Swe made a speech and opened the training course.

It was attended by executives, training school principal U Sein Myint and instructors and 45 trainees.

The hotel service grade I course comprises four subjects. The course will last 10 weeks.

A total of 1653 trainees have attended the training courses up to No. 27th intake. Most of the trainees are at worksites.

Chairman of Myanmar Hoteliers Association (Upper Myanmar) Mandalay Zone U Myint Aung and U Soe Thein, Township Hluttaw representative U Sai Kham Mak gave an opening address.

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The authorities fulfilled the requirements to local people for education and health sector.—Kyemon-Zo Hue Hsa (Chin Hill)
US concerned about Mozambique violence, urges dialogue

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct—The United States on Tuesday urged Mozambique’s government and the Renamo opposition movement to “move back from the brink” and take steps to quell an escalation in tensions that many worry could disrupt the country’s strong economic growth.

The Renamo former rebel group declared on Monday it had boycotting a peace-agreement meeting following a 1992 accord that ended a 1975-1992 civil war, complicating that government forces overran base of opposition leader Afonso Dhlakama in the Gorongosa forest.

“We are deeply concerned by the escalation in violence between government security forces and members of the opposition party Renamo,” said US State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf. “We are encouraging the two parties to take visible and decisive steps to de-escalate the current tense environment.”

Mozambique media reported on Tuesday that suspected Renamo guerrillas fired on a police station at Maringue, just north of the Gorongosa District, but no casualties were reported.

Asked whether the attack could provoke more violence, Harf said: “We are deeply concerned by this violence and this escalation and are urging all sides to take steps to move back from the brink and de-escalate what has been happening.”

Dhlakama, who has struggled to recover from a string of election defeats by the ruling Frelimo party, is widely regarded as a spent political force with little power to drag the country back into a civil war.

He has complained that the Frelimo-led government has monopolized political and economic power.

Mozambique’s economy is set to grow by 7 percent this year, one of the fastest in Africa, and investors such as Brazil’s Vale, London-listed Rio Tinto, Italy’s Eni and US oil firm Anadarko are working to develop some of the world’s largest untapped coal and gas reserves.

Renamo raids in April and June in central Mozambique had already caused alarm. They killed at least 11 soldiers and police and six civilians and forced a temporary suspension of coal exports sent by rail to the coast.

Mozambique’s opposition RENAMO Presidential candidate Afonso Dhlakama shows an ink dyed finger after voting in the country’s Presidential, Parliamentary and Provincial Elections in Maputo in this file photo taken on 28 Oct, 2009.—REUTERS

Driver charged in Argentina’s train crash

BUENOS AIRES, 23 Oct —The driver of the train that crashed here over the weekend with 99 passengers injured was charged by a federal judge Tuesday as video footage showed him falling asleep at the wheel.

Julio Cesar Benitez, 45, was arrested and charged for his alleged role in the Saturday accident, as the train was pulling into the city’s Once station, according to state news agency Telyam.

Judicial sources said Benitez may be charged with causing severe harm due to negligence.

Video footage showed Benitez yawning repeatedly and appearing to doze off several times during the journey. But tests showed he was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol, according to a state prosecutor who underwrote medical tests, including DNA tests to match his blood with that found on the train’s black box, which was later found in his bag.

“I felt I was losing too much blood and I was trying to recover my belongings that spread all over the floor,” Benitez said in his testimony Monday.

Bahrain police launch probe into explosion

MANAMA, 23 Oct—Bahrain police on Tuesday launched an investigation after a man was found dead near a homemade bomb explosion site in Bani Jamra village.

The ministry said it received an anonymous call from a person informing of an explosion and a body lying at the site.

“Police arrived at the scene and cordoned off the area to get rid of the suspicious object and an investigation has been launched,” it said. Opposition groups identified online that the deceased as Ali Khalil, 17 years old, while there were other reports surfaced which the teenager was allegedly planting a homemade bomb to target security forces, which exploded in his face.

Tibet culture week opens 20 to 29 October on Wednesday in Germany

BEIJING, 23 Oct—The 2013 China Tibetan Culture Week will be held in Germany from, according to a government statement released on Tuesday. The event, which is the first of its kind to be held in Germany, aims to offer German people a glimpse of Tibet’s beauty, culture and economic development and promote international friendship, according to the statement.—Xinhua

Libyan minister meets British Ambassador on strengthening ties

TRIPOLI, 23 Oct—Libyan Minister of Planning Mahdi Rany met on Tuesday with British Ambassador Michael Aaron on ways of boosting bilateral relations in all domains, especially in fields of electricity, health, transportation and training.

The meeting tackled the potential support of British experts in Libya to develop strategy and plans for Libyan’s economy and production, Rany told reporters.

For his part, the British Ambassador underlined that his country strongly backs Libya’s transition toward democracy, lauding the committee of “Libya 2030,” which was formed by the cabinet in May to set strategy and roadmap for national development in all sectors. The panel includes researchers and specialists from all over the country, whose strategy will be implemented during the period from 2014 to 2030.

China, Russia chant friendship, pledge closer cooperation

BEIJING, 23 Oct—We should let the Chinese youth know that China-Russia friendship is not ancient history,” Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said on Tuesday as he and his Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev met reporters in Beijing.

Medvedev said the two Chinese government heads of state have decided to hold a regular meeting every year as bilateral ties have entered a new stage.

“The visit is aimed at further promoting cooperation in all fields,” Li said at a joint news conference with his Russian counterpart.

The meeting was held as Li arrived in Russia for a two-day state visit.

“We should consolidate our economic cooperation to provide more benefits for the two peoples,” Li said.

Medvedev echoed Li, saying Russia hopes to further strengthen economic cooperation with China.

The two leaders also attended a ceremony to mark the 70th anniversary of their countries’ diplomatic relations.

Li and Medvedev review past cooperation and agree on ways to promote its development.

Li expressed hope that the two countries, as permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, will work together to uphold international fairness and justice.

Medvedev and Li, for their part, expressed readiness to further strengthen cooperation in various fields, including trade and economic cooperation, energy cooperation, transport, education, culture and tourism.

Li also expressed willingness to invite Russian government officials to visit China.

“I will tell the students about our cooperation on this matter when I visit your hometown,” Medvedev said, adding that he will also tell the students of the cooperation between the two countries.

“It shows our strategic cooperation as well as our friendship,” said the prime minister.

The light-hearted conversation came after the 18th regular meeting between Chinese and Russian heads of government held at the Great Hall of the People. The regular meeting, launched in 1996, is an important platform for cooperation.

“We reached many new consensus on practical cooperation, especially on large-scale projects,” Li told the reporters.—Xinhua
China stresses auditors’ role in guarding fiscal stability

The Chinese Premier also called for international cooperation between auditors to protect the global financial regulations and safeguarding the stability of world economy.

To the nearly 700 delegates from some 160 countries, Li said the world economy was picking up slowly but deep-rooted defects remained, leaving many uncertain and unstable factors. Li briefed them on China’s economy, saying the government had taken measures to advance reforms and restructure the economy to allow the market to play a bigger role in generating growth.

“We are capable of reaching the major targets of economic and social development this year and accomplishing fiscal stability and sustainability,” he said. [Xinhua]

2 militiamen, 1 rebel died in clash in S Philippines

MANILA, 23 Oct—Two Philippine government militiamen and a rebel were killed and a soldier and three farmers were wounded in a firefight in Southern Philippines on Monday, the military said on Tuesday.

Captain Christian Cuy, spokesman for the Philippine Army’s 4th Infantry Division, said the troops from the 23rd Cadre Battalion were sent to Esperanza, a town in Southern Philippine Province of Agusan del Sur on Monday morning upon tip-off of the presence of suspect members of leftist rebel group of New People’s Army (NPA) in the area.

They ran into around 30 rebels while patrolling a farmland in Esperanza at about 8:30 am on Monday, said Cuy. The two sides traded fires for about 45 minutes until the insurgents withdrew, leaving two militiamen and a rebel dead, he said. [Xinhua]

Swelling lakes in Hol Xil pose railway threat

XINING, 23 Oct—Swelling lakes on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, a notable sign of global warming, are threatening the safety of the world’s highest railway, according to climate and ecological experts.

One flooded lake is now only 8 km away from a section of the Qinghai-Tibet Railway in the depopulated area of Hol Xil Nature Reserve, according to the latest satellite monitoring by the Qinghai Provincial Academy of Meteorological Sciences.

Liu Baokang, engineer with the academy’s remote-sensing and ecological evaluation center, said several lakes in the nature reserve have been overflowing since 2011 after receiving an increasing volume of melted snow from glaciers on the plateau, known as the “roof of the world.”

Liu said the center’s research shows that the lakes have become a threat to the railway’s roadbed and roads on the Qinghai-Tibet Highway as well as important oil pipelines, cables and power facilities that run through the region.

Sitting 4,600 meters above sea level, the 45,000 square km Hol Xil nature reserve is China’s largest unpopulated area and is home to wild yaks and endangered Tibetan antelope.

Major lakes in the reserve, namely Zhuonai Lake, Qusay Lake and a salt lake, are all holding water at historically high levels. [Xinhua]

HK chief vows to seek justice for victims of hostage crisis

HONG KONG, 23 Oct —Hong Kong Chief Executive C Y Leung said on Tuesday in Beijing that the Hong Kong government will seek justice for the families of the victims and injured people in the Hong Kong hostage crisis.

The Hong Kong chief, who just arrived at Beijing to attend a symposium on Wednesday, said he learned the resolution when stepping down the plane and he will inform the public when any achievement is made.

Leung said with the government to allow the process to proceed. [Kyodo News]
Afghanistan says differences remain on US security pact

Venezuela recovers likely remains of Italian fashion boss killed in plane crash

Hurricane Raymond swirls off Mexico, hits Acapulco with more rain

A local worker (R) removes debris from a river swollen by rain brought on by Hurricane Raymond in Acapulco on 21 Oct, 2013.— Reuters

Caracas, 23 Oct — Venezuela said on Monday it has recovered what it believes are the remains of Italian fashion executive Vittorio Missoni, who went missing in January after taking off in a small plane from the Los Roques archipelago in the Caribbean. Four months ago, Venezuela’s government said it had discovered the aircraft in 76 miles (249 feet) of water. It had been carrying Missoni, 58, his wife, Maurizia Castiglioni, another couple, and two Venezuelan crew members.

“All the remains were complete in the plane,” Venezuelan Attorney General Luisa Ortega told reporters. “There was the luggage and other belongings which indicate to us... that they belonged to the people we were looking for.” Ortega said the Venezuelan navy divers recovered the remains of five of the passengers, but that the sixth was in a hard to reach spot in the wreckage. The remains will be submitted to DNA tests to verify that they belonged to Missoni and the other victims, she said. Earlier this year, Italy’s agency for flight security, ANSV, said its investigation had found that the airplane that owned the plane was not fully licensed to operate and that the pilot’s license had expired more than a month before the flight.— Reuters

KABUL, 23 Oct — Afganistan and the United States have not yet agreed on several issues in a bilateral security pact, a senior Afghan spokesman said, raising the prospect that Washington could pull out all its troops from the war-ravaged nation next year if the differences could not be ironed out. Two years ago, the United States ended its military mission in Iraq with a similar “zero option” outcome after the failure of bilateral talks with Baghdad.

For almost a year, Washington and Kabul have been seeking to conclude a Bilateral Security Agreement (BSA) that will help determine how many US soldiers and bases remain in Afghanistan after most foreign combat troops exit by the end of next year. US Secretary of State John Kerry told reporters at the end of a visit to Kabul this month that there was just one issue outstanding — Washington’s demand that its troops be immune from Afghan law and tried in the United States instead. But the issue was not even raised in the two days Kerry was in Kabul, said Aimal Faizi, the spokesman for Afghan President Hamid Karzai. He said there were also a number of other areas which the two countries have yet to agree on. “A lot of progress has been made on the document, but it is not finalized,” Faizi told Reuters in an interview at the presidential palace. “If we do not reach a final agreement on this draft, it will go to the Loya Jirga and the Afghan people will be able to look at the issues remaining,” Faizi said. — Reuters

Acapulco, (Mexico), 23 Oct — Ports were closed, school classes were suspended and hundreds of people were evacuated along Mexico’s southern Pacific coast on Monday as a major hurricane loomed over a region still recovering from record flooding a few weeks ago. Raymond, a category three hurricane, weakened slightly on Monday night as it hovered about 145 km (90 miles) offshore.

The major storm was moving in “a slow and erratic motion” with winds blowing up to 193 km per hour (120 mph) on Monday, Miami’s National Hurricane Center (NHC) said. “It’s not going to move much in the next 24 to 36 hours,” Luis Felipe Puente, head of Mexico’s national emergency services, said at a news conference in Acapulco. The NHC’s forecast said the storm could move closer to the coast Monday night and Tuesday before turning west on Wednesday. The hurricane was already dumping steady rain on coastal areas including Acapulco, where storms wrecked homes, roads and cars and stranded tourists last month.

By early afternoon, parts of the city were covered with water, its port was closed and many roads were washed out. Acapulco’s beaches were almost deserted on Monday afternoon as winds picked up. “This is really bad luck after (tropical storm) Manuel,” said Anaberta Lopez, 26, who braids tourists’ hair on the city’s beaches, surveying a vacant stretch of sand. “There’s no work now and people here live off tourism.” Mexico has no major oil installations in the area threatened by Raymond, which has swirled around 233 km (145 miles) west-southwest of Acapulco since Sunday night.

Mexico’s Gulf Coast is also facing heavy rains due to the advance of a cold front from the north, which has halted Raymond’s progress in the south, the government said. “If Raymond carries on moving at this speed and the cold front keeps holding it, we’ll have permanent rain for the next 72 hours,” Puente said at a conference earlier on Monday.— Reuters

Models present folk costumes during a Kamba costumes show in Chandom Prefecture, southwest China’s Tibet Autonomous Region, on 21 Oct, 2013. XINHUA

1. Open Tender is invited for the Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Energy for the supply of Mixed LPG (1,800 MT ± 5%).
2. TENDER CLOSING DATE : 7-11-2013 at (12:00) noon.
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Mexico’s Gulf Coast is also facing heavy rains due to the advance of a cold front from the north, which has halted Raymond’s progress in the south, the government said. “If Raymond carries on moving at this speed and the cold front keeps holding it, we’ll have permanent rain for the next 72 hours,” Puente said at a conference earlier on Monday.— Reuters

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**ENTERTAINMENT**

Singer Kelly Clarkson ties the knot in Tennessee

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct—Pop singer Kelly Clarkson, the first contestant to win the Fox singing competition “American Idol,” married talent manager Brandon Blackstock in a ceremony over the weekend in Tennessee, the singer said on Monday.

The 31-year-old Grammy winner announced the news and posted a picture in a Twitter message.

“I’m officially Mrs. Blackstock :) We got married yesterday at Blackberry Farms in TN, the most beautiful place ever,” Clarkson tweeted.

The Texas-born singer is shown wearing a long-sleeved, lace gown by British designer Alice Temperley in the photo, and standing with her husband in front of a covered bridge. Clarkson and Blackstock, who have been dating since early 2012, announced their engagement late last year. Blackstock is the stepson of country singer Reba McEntire. Clarkson won “American Idol” in 2002, the show’s first year. She is one of the most successful winners of the show with songs such as “My Life Would Suck Without You” and “Since U Been Gone,” and has won three Grammy awards, including best pop album for “Stronger.” —Reuters

Sunidhi Chauhan to sing Tumhari Pakhi title song

MUMBAI, 23 Oct—Playback singer Sunidhi Chauhan will lend her voice for the title song of the upcoming TV show Tumhari Pakhi, based on Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay’s novel Naba Bidhan. Sunidhi has been signed for the title track and she will record it soon, said a source.

Sachin Gupta, who has composed for films like Prince, will score the music for the song.

Ready to go on air on 11 November on Life OK, Tumhari Pakhi, a love story, features Iqbal Khan and Shraddha Arya in lead roles.—PTI

Falguni Pathak: Folk songs have larger appeal

NEW DELHI, 23 Oct—Falguni Pathak, who brought a new flavour to pop music in the late 1990s with her romantic songs, has also made several people grooove to her folk numbers replete with dandiya beats. She says folk music has a larger appeal in the country.

For a long time, Pathak, 42, has been a star attraction at Navratri events during the festive season and she makes thousands of people dance to her tracks like Endra meruwa gayi, Cham cham payalinya and Ayee re milan ki raat umbre ubhi. “I agree (that folk songs have larger appeal than other pop songs) and we always try to stick to folk. They are very natural and not made up. I myself enjoy folk music, so I always make an effort to be more close to it,” Pathak told IANS.

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The show was organised by event organising company Mangal Entertainment Private Ltd.

R&B singer CeeLo Green pleads not guilty to ecstasy charge

LOS ANGELES, 23 Oct— Grammy-winning R&B singer and “The Voice” TV judge CeeLo Green pleaded not guilty on Monday to a felony charge of giving the drug ecstasy to a woman without her knowledge while the two were dining, prosecutors said.

Green, whose real name is Thomas DeCarlo Callaway, was charged by the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office with one count of furnishing a controlled substance.

Green entered the plea in a Los Angeles court and faces up to four years in state prison if convicted.

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**Singer Dolly Parton slightly injured in car accident**

NASHVILLE, (Tennessee), 23 Oct—Singer Dolly Parton was slightly injured on Monday when the SUV she was riding in as a passenger was hit by a car, police said, but the country music star posted on Facebook that she was fine and resting at home.

Parton, 67, was riding as a passenger in the front seat of a Nissan Xterra that was in a collision with another vehicle, Nashville police said.

“Parton received minor injuries,” the Nashville Police Department said in a statement.

Police said the driver of the other car failed to yield. The two drivers and Parton were taken to local hospitals for treatment, but none of the injuries appeared to be serious, police added. Parton was quick to dispel concern from fans about her condition, posting on Facebook: “I was in a fender bender this morning, here in Nashville. But I am all good … Just a little tired and sore, resting at home.”

Parton, a long-time member of the Country Music Hall of Fame, is best known for songs such as “Jolene,” “9 to 5” and “Will Always Love You.” —Reuters

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**Grantee Award winning R&B singer and “The Voice” TV judge CeeLo Green (L), confers with attorney Blair Berk in Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center in Los Angeles, California 21 Oct, 2013. Reuters**

The singer “slipped” ecstasy to the 33-year-old woman while the two were dining at a Los Angeles restaurant in July 2012, according to prosecutors.

The woman said she did not know that Green had given her the drug, said Jane Robison, a spokes-person for the district attorney’s office.

Ecstasy is a lab-produced drug that acts as a stimulant and can cause hallucinations, Green, 39, and the unnamed woman went back to her hotel room after dinner, prosecutors said.

Celebrity website TMZ.com reported last year that the woman had filed a police report accusing Green of sexual assault. Robison said the alleged victim had contacted the police.

Prosecutors, however, said there was insufficient evidence to charge Green with rape of an intoxicated person.

Green’s attorney, Blair Berk, said she was happy the “evidence did not support the false and unfounded claims made over a year ago.”

“Mr Green encouraged a full and complete investigation of those claims and he was confident once conducting he would be cleared of having any wrongful intent and it would be established that any relations were consensual,” Berk said in a statement.

“As it relates to the one charge of furnishing or sharing ecstasy, Mr. Green will responsibly address that matter in a court of law but not comment on it further out of respect for the process,” she added.

The singer was ordered to post $30,000 to remain free on bail, and is due back in court on 20 November, Robison said.
New Final Series will be great, says Olazabal

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Barcelona’s Lionel Messi (C) challenges Sulley Muntari (R) and Kaka (L) of AC Milan during their Champions League soccer match at the San Siro stadium in Milan, on 22 Oct, 2013.—Reuters

Chelsea’s Fernando Torres (C rear) scores a goal past Schalke 04’s goalkeeper Timo Hildebrand during their Champions League soccer match in Gelsenkirchen on 22 Oct, 2013.—Reuters

Torres and Messi on target, Atletico surge ahead

Atletico Madrid’s Diego Costa (C) scores his second goal against Austria Vienna, during their Champions League Group G soccer match in Vienna on 22 Oct, 2013.—Reuters

LONDON, 23 Oct.—Lionel Messi marked his first start after injury with a goal in Barcelona’s 1-1 draw at AC Milan in the Champions League on Tuesday while Fernando Torres got two as Chelsea thumped Schalke to stay top of Group G.

Robert Lewandowski got the 82nd-minute winner as Borussia Dortmund put the brakes on Arsenal’s campaign with a 2-1 win in London that, along with Napoli’s 2-1 victory at Olympique Marseille, put three teams on six points in Group F.

There is a clear leader in Group G, where Atletico made it three wins from three with a 3-0 victory at Austria Vienna that left them a point away from the 10 that are usually enough to send teams into the last 16 of Europe’s elite club competition.

With Diego Costa scoring twice, including a stunning solo effort, they went five points clear of second-placed Zenit St Petersburg, who made the most of the sixth-minute sending off of Porto’s Hector Herrera - the competition’s fastest ever dismissal from two yellow cards—to beat their hosts 1-0. In Group E, Chelsea moved level on six points with Schalke 04 at the top with a 3-0 win in Germany, where Torres celebrated his 100th start for the club with the fifth-minute opener and another after 69 minutes before Eden Hazard added a late goal.

The top two are clear of third-placed Basel, who have four points ahead of Steaua Bucharest on one after those two teams shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw in Romania.

Celtic got their first points in Group H after a James Forrest penalty on the stroke of halftime and a deflected shot by Beram Kayal early in the second half helped them to a 2-1 win over Ajax Amsterdam, who got a consolation in added time.

Barca are in charge of that group with seven points, while Milan—who had gone ahead through Robinho’s ninth-minute opener before Messi levelled after 23 minutes—have five points. Celtic are on three points with Ajax bottom on one.

The day’s biggest statement of intent came from 2012 European champions Chelsea, who have now made amends for the home defeat by Basel in their opener with two away victories. Spanish Torres, so often uninspired in domestic competition, once again shone on the big stage with two goals and could easily have had a hat-trick as he smashed a header against the bar from just inside the area. He, like Messi, had just returned from injury and his lively contribution came at just the right time for his club.

“If you do garbage (against Basel) then you have to clean it up and we cleaned it up,” Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho told Sky Sports. “We’ve got two matches at home so now we are in good condition to qualify and we’ll try to finish top. It’s an important victory for us.”

The glamour match at the San Siro where seven-times European champions Milan hosted four-times winners Barcelona fizzled out in the second half after a frantic opening period of pressure from the Italians.

Napoli beat Marseille in style to stay on course

Marseille, 23 Oct — Two superb goals earned Napoli a 2-1 win at Olympique Marseille on Tuesday that put the French team on their perch. The.POS

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Los Angeles airport worker pleads innocent to planting dry bombs

LOS ANGELES, 23 Oct — An airport employee charged in connection with three dry ice bombs planted at Los Angeles International Airport pleaded not guilty on Tuesday, and his lawyer called him a “good guy” facing harsh treatment in the case.

Miguel Angel Iniguez, 41, entered his not guilty plea on charges of possessing a destructive device near an airplane during a brief hearing in Los Angeles Superior Court, and was ordered held on $500,000 bond. Handcuffed and ordered to stand with his back to the judge, Iniguez said he would monitor his client, Wenger admitted

Wilsgen’s ankle concerns for Wenger

WELLINGTON, 23 Oct — New Zealand teen Lydia Ko disclosed the most open secret in golf on Wednesday, saying she had asked the LPGA to grant her amateur status for the Evian Championship golf tournament on 13 Sept, 2013. — Reuters

Lydia Ko of New Zealand hits an approach shot onto the 15th hole during the first round of the women’s Evian Championship golf tournament on 13 Sept, 2013. — Reuters

All systems Ko as protege sheds amateur status

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right this second. Definitely.” Ko’s decision had been expected after she finished second at the Evian Championship, the fifth major of the year in women’s golf, last month.

Her mother Tina, then confirmed as much earlier this month when she said they had asked the LPGA for an exemption for her Seoul-born daughter to become a member.

The LPGA restricts the number of tournaments for players under the age of 18.

Ko was the youngest player to win a professional tournament when she clinched the New South Wales Open in Sydney aged 14. She has won three other tournaments since, including the defence of her Canadian Open title in August.— Reuters
Pyithu Hluttaw approves Poisons Act amending bill, Myanmar Indigenous Medicine Act amending bill

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct.—The Bill amending the Poisons Act of 1919 and the Bill amending the Myanmar Indigenous Medicine Law, which were sent back by Amyotha Hluttaw were approved at today’s Pyithu Hluttaw session. Bill Committee members U Khin Maung Shwe and U Soe Soe submitted committee’s reports on the bills.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied to the question raised by Dr Aung Than of Shwebo Constituency on Irrigation Department’s preventive measures against the floods in the villages to the west of Shwebo.

He said that Irrigation Department carried out the deepening of three creek channels in 2011-2012 FY. Thanks to it, heavy rains in August and September did not trigger floods there and damage the farmlands. Widening and deepening creek channels need to make co-ordination with the Region Government for seeking the approvals from the farmers there.

Dredging of Mahananda Lake that supplies drinking water to people of Shwebo was carried out in April this year. And there is no plan to extend Mahananda Lake, he added. The 14th day session continues on 25 October.—MNA

Slain Boston Marathon bombing suspect linked to triple killings

BOSTON, 23 Oct.—Slain Boston Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev took part in a 2011 triple homicide in a nearby town, according to a Chechen immigrant who was himself killed when approached by investigators for questioning, federal prosecutors said on Monday in newly filed court papers.

Ibragim Todashev, 27, who has been identified as an acquaintance of Tsarnaev from their days as martial-arts fighters in Boston, told investigators Tsarnaev participated in the murders of three men found stabbed to death in September 2011 in an apartment in Waltham, Massachusetts, according to the filing.

US media had previously reported that one of the victims was a close friend of Tsarnaev and authorities believe the killings were drug related. The FBI has said Todashev was shot and killed by a federal agent about a month after the marathon bombings when he suddenly turned violent while being questioned about possible links to Tsarnaev.

The latest disclosure about Tsarnaev came in a 23-page brief arguing against a motion by lawyers for his younger brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, who is in custody on federal charges related to the marathon bombing that carried the death penalty.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev’s lawyers are seeking to force the government to share with defense attorneys investigative materials pertaining to his deceased older brother, Tamerlan.

Motion for reengineering of educational system under discussion on the floor of Amyotha Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct.—Our education system should not be placed in the trial period. It is high time to systematically and correctly reengineer the educational system. If not so, there is no doubt to say that we will be left far behind in the development of education system compared to neighbouring countries,” U Steven Thabeik of Chins State Constituency No (4) said at today’s Amyotha Hluttaw session while discussing the motion submitted by U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency No (6) to urge the Union government to initiate an engineering and technical education system through realistic scenario to be able to turn out engineers and technicians with the establishment of the Centres of Excellence. Acquisition of technology and nurturing of technocrats are imperative for nation building and economic success of a certain country. An essential prerequisite to a country which had been placed in the list of least developed countries since 30 years ago is to ensure human resources development, he added.

Likewise, U Kan Nyunt of Sagaing Region Constituency No (5) also expressed his view about the motion, welcoming the establishment of the Centres of Excellence and a realistic scenario for turning out qualified engineers.

Next, two parliamentarians took part in discussions on a motion urging the Union government to (See page 8)

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Resignation of Central Bank’s Vice-Governor allowed

Under the Subsection (c) of the Section 16 of the Central Bank of Myanmar Law of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, member of Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Myanmar Vice-Governor U Than Nyein has been allowed to resign of his own volition.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Union Peace-making Work Committee, KNPP build more trust after third talks

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct.—After a Union level third peace talks in Loikaw, Kayah State, today, Union Peace-making Committee of the government and Karenni National Progressive Party (KNPP) signed the six-point resolution of the meeting, building more trusts between the two sides.

During the two-day peace talks which kicked off yesterday, the two parties discussed issues related to a training school, land confiscation, compensation for land confiscation and returning land to farmers, proclamation for high-land cultivation and regional development including transportation and electrification and military affairs.

At the meeting were the Union Peace-making Committee led by Vice-Chairman of the committee Union Minister U Aung Min and members of the committee Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe, Union Minister U Than Hay, Chief Minister of Kayah State U Khin Maung Oo, Commander Maj-Gen Soe Htut, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, regional ministers and personnel from the Myanmar Peace Centre while the KNPP delegation led by Vice-Chairman of KNPP Khu Oo Yei.—MNA

All hotels in Myanmar to be complete with CCTV cameras

Byline: Wai Yan Oo
Photo: Tin Soe (Myanmar Alinn)

Myanmar sees a massive influx of tourists thanks to the government’s sweeping reforms. CCTV and security cameras will be installed at the hotels, motels and inns in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Bagan, Taunggyi, Inlay, Chaungtha and Ngwe Saung, reaching more than 880. (See page 8)

Photo shows the heart of downtown Yangon.