Thorough understanding of duties, a must: President addresses coordination meeting on assuming ASEAN Chair

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — President U Thein Sein addressed a coordination meeting on assuming the chair of ASEAN at Myanmar International Convention Centre (1) in the compound of State Guesthouse today. Also present on the occasion were Vice-President U Nyan Tun, the Union ministers, the deputy ministers, chairmen of sub-committees, guests and officials.

In his speech, the President said that it is only 63 days left from now on as Myanmar is going to assume the ASEAN’s Chair on 1 January 2014 and a leading role in the region where 600 million people have been living in. Taking a lead in the regional summit is a huge task for Myanmar to be proud of. It is the very first time for Myanmar to lead ASEAN after joining ASEAN in 1997. On 17 November, 2011, ASEAN leaders at a summit unanimously approved Myanmar to gain the ASEAN’s Chair. It can be said that assumption of ASEAN’s Chair by Myanmar is not only taking the responsibility of a member state in accord with the ASEAN Charter but also trying hard to take a lead in ASEAN affairs in line with its active and dynamic non-aligned foreign policy. The duty of ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014 is very important as it is the last year to take necessary preparations for the emergence of ASEAN Community by 2015.

The duties of ASEAN’s Chair are to strive for ensuring peace and prosperity in the region of ASEAN including the establishment of ASEAN Community through its leading role in formulating ASEAN policies, making coordination and cooperation seeking approval of all members and creating and paving a way towards ASEAN’s Centrality. Moreover, the ASEAN’s Chair is responsible to act as a mediator in dealing with the matters in time of emergency or the difficulties that can injure the interest of ASEAN, to effectively and efficiently take alternative measures against the matters in time and to strengthen relations with ASEAN partnership, representing ASEAN.

President U Thein Sein addresses a coordination meeting on assuming the chair of ASEAN at Myanmar International Convention Centre (1). MNA

It needs to have thorough understandings of duties and make constant efforts for serving duties actively. It is in conformity with the independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy vested in the Constitution.

Myanmar’s current political, economic and administrative reforms are the good example to other ASEAN countries. Myanmar could practice its foreign policy in accord with the Constitution. Taking ASEAN chairmanship is a golden opportunity for Myanmar to show its leading role and its dignity in the region and the international. He called for active participation in it as a national duty.

Later, Union Ministers U Thein Nyunt, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Dr Kan Zaw and U Aye Myint Kyu

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Flood Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—The water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo has reached its danger level starting from 28-10-2013, 9.30 pm. According to the 12:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level has exceeded by 35 cm (1.1ft) above its danger level. It may continue to rise 15 cm (about 0.5ft) and remain above its danger level during the next 48 hours commencing noon today, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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UEC allows formation of political parties

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—The Union Election Commission has granted formation of political parties. A 17-member group comprising U Lamarlay has applied for registration of Lisu National Development Party to UEC.

As the registration of the Lisu National Development Party is in conformity with laws and by-laws, the UEC allowed it to form as a political party today.

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**Loans for cold season crops disbursed in Kyaukpadaung**

KYAUKPADAUNG, 29 Oct—Myanma Agricultural Development Bank of Kyaukpadaung Township in Mandalay Region disbursed agricultural loans to farmers to be able to grow cold season crops on 22 October. Kyaukpadaung Township has grown 4700 acres of cold season groundnut, 7000 acres of paddy, 700 acres of sesame and 9275 acres of green gram. The bank disburses K 100,000 per acre of paddy and K 20000 per other crops to local farmers. The bank plans to give K 250 million to the farmers. “This year’s monsoon is appropriate to grow groundnut and pigeon pea. So, local farmers get boosting production. I have got over 150 baskets of Waso pea. Cold season groundnut is sure to boost production. Pea production is on the increase, but price of pea is down,” said a local farmer.

Cold season pea can be grown within three months. The local farmers have to harvest the pea in December.

Kymon-Ko Nay (Kyaukpadaung)

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MINBU, 29 Oct—Minbu District Information and Public Relations Department held the talks, books show, photo show and wall magazine in Mankyo Village of Minbu Township on 28 October. At the Dhammayan of the village, Staff Officer U Than Htay of the District IPRD explained long-term durability of the library and raising reading habits.

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**Rural roads covered with rainwater**

**Overflow of water from earthen embankment in Paukhaung**

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—In the heavy rains in Paukhaung Township of Bago Region, an earthen embankment near Gyogyar Village caused overflow of water that entered Ward 3, Ward 4 and Ward 5 of Paukhaung on 26 October.

About 350 houses were inundated in the overflow of water and there were no casualties.

Members of Paukhaung Myoma Police Station gave necessary assistance to the local people.

Kymon-Police Information

**Rural roads covered with rainwater**

**Kathina robes offering ceremony held**

MAHLAING, 29 Oct—Thanbo village-track, 12 miles from Mahlaing, annually holds Kathina robe offering ceremony on a grand scale when the winter is ushering in. Villagers from near and far come back to the village and take part in the ceremony.

Under the aegis of Thayetchan Monastery Sayadaw, Kathina donor Captain Kyaw Zin Soe from News and Periodicals Enterprise of the Ministry of Information also donated refreshment to the villagers at the monastery on 28 October morning. The whole village took part in the ceremony enjoying Myanmar traditional “dobet” dance.

Kyaw Kyaw (Mahlaing)

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**National Sports**

Maung Kyu emerges champion in 50-m prone pistol event

YANGON, 29 Oct—With the aim of enabling Myanmar shooters to have experiences for the XXVII SEA Games, the Pre-SEA Games Shooting Test Match kicked off at North Dagon Shooting Range, here, yesterday. Maung Kyu of Myanma Postal Sch Hta 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th streets in Hta Kyemon-Sai Nyi Lay: Photo: Shine Htet Zaw

Maung Kyu of Myanmar secured champion in the men’s 50-m prone pistol event with 149 points, Ye Tun Naung second with 146.8 points and Nay Htet Aung third with 126.4 points.

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Kymon-Tun Win (Yangon)
Britain’s high-profile phone-hacking trial to begin

LONDON, 29 Oct — The trial of Rupert Murdoch’s former British newspaper chief and Prime Minister David Cameron’s ex-media head begins on Monday in what will be Britain’s most high-profile and eagerly-awaited criminal case in years. Rebekah Brooks and Andy Coulson, both former editors of Murdoch’s now defunct News of the World, are accused of conspiring to illegally access voicemail messages on mobile phones belonging to politicians, the rich and famous, as well as victims of crime and ordinary people, to secure exclusives. They deny all charges.

The scandal surrounding phone-hacking has sent shockwaves through the top echelons of the British establishment and shaken Murdoch’s News Corp empire. The furor has already revealed the close ties between Britain’s press barons, police chiefs and senior politicians, and prompted a year-long public inquiry into newspaper ethics. The industry is still at loggerheads with the government over how it should be regulated.

Former News International chief executive Rebekah Brooks arrives with her husband Charlie at the Old Bailey courthouse in London on 28 Oct, 2013.— Reuters

Washington, 29 Oct — US President Barack Obama on Monday spoke by phone with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to discuss issues including Iran and the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, the White House said. The two leaders discussed recent developments related to Iran, Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, and other regional issues, especially Iran’s nuclear programme.

The latest talks and dialogues with Israel are regarded as part of the Obama Administration’s efforts to ally Israel’s concerns about the diplomatic engagement between the US and Iran. Washington has welcomed the “change of rhetoric” and diplomatic overtures offered by Iran’s new President Hassan Rouhani, who last month expressed the willingness to engage diplomatically with the US-led West to resolve the dispute over Teheran’s nuclear programme. But Israel is worried that Iran’s latest diplomatic offer could be a plot merely designed to rid itself of the crippling sanctions imposed by the US-led Western countries. The US and Israel suspect that Iran’s nuclear programme is aimed at building nuclear weapons, which they fear could pose an existential threat to the Jewish state, despite insists of Teheran that its nuclear programme is solely for peaceful research and civil energy purposes. Meanwhile, Israel has announced its plan to release 26 Palestinian prisoners, held for offenses committed before the 1993 Oslo peace accords, as part of its efforts to push forward the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks that were resumed in July.— Xinhua

Obama, Netanyahu discuss Iran, Israeli-Palestinian peace talks

Vienna, 29 Oct — The UN nuclear agency and Iran will continue talks for a second day on Tuesday over Teheran’s disputed atomic programme, the agency said on Monday.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said the agency’s chief Yukiya Amano might start with a few “bogus” inspections on Monday afternoon after the meeting between Iranian deputy foreign minister Abbas Araqchi and Amano. IAEA has held 12 rounds of meetings with Iran since 2011, but no progress has been made over the inspection framework document that its nuclear programme is designed only for peaceful purposes.— Xinhua

Kishida to visit Iran on 9-10 November, attend ASEM ministerial in India

Tokyo, 29 Oct — Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida will visit Iran on 9 and 10 November to meet with the country’s nuclear programme with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and Foreign Minister Moham mad Javad Zarif, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday.

After Iran, Kishida will visit India from 10 to 12 November to attend a gathering of foreign ministers of the Asia-Europe Meeting, or ASEM, where he hopes to discuss economic and regional affairs, as well as explain Japan’s security policy.

Noting that Tokyo has pressed Tehran over its nuclear program since Rouhani’s inauguration as new president, Kishida told reporters that he hopes to exchange views with Iranian leaders on the nuclear issue and regional affairs.

Kishida said he will do so while keeping in mind Iran’s strategic and geopolitical importance, as well as the talks Iran has had with major powers — the five permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany — and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Kyodo News

Stung by scandal, South Korea weighs up cost of curbing nuclear power

SEOUL, 29 Oct — It started with a few bogus safety certificates for cables shutting a handful of South Korean reactors. Now, the scandal has snowballed, with 100 people indicted and Seoul under pressure to rethink its reliance on nuclear power. A shift away from nuclear, which generates a third of South Korea’s electricity, could cost tens of billions of dollars a year by boosting imports of liquefied natural gas, oil or coal. Although helping calm safety concerns, it would also push the government into a politically sensitive debate over whether state utilities could pass on sharply higher power bills to households and companies.

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Spain summons US ambassador over spying

MADRID, 29 Oct — Spain summoned its ambassador on Monday to discuss alleged spying on Spanish citizens and said that, if true, the action was unacceptable behavior by an ally. Earlier, Spanish newspaper El Mundo said the NSA recently tracked over 60 million calls in Spain in the space of a month, citing a document which it said formed part of papers obtained from ex-NSA contractor Edward Snowden.

“Spain has relayed to the United States the importance of preserving a climate of trust...and its interest in understanding the full reach of practices that, if true, would be considered inappropriate and unacceptable between allies,” the Spanish foreign ministry said in a statement.

Madrid has also asked the United States to provide more data from the National Security Agency (NSA), it said. The statement was issued after a meeting between Spain’s Secretary of State for the European Union, Inigo Mendez de Vigo, and US Ambassador to Spain James Costos.

“We will continue to confer with our allies, such as Spain, through our regular diplomatic channels to address the concerns that they have raised,” Costos said in a statement. US President Barack Obama has ordered a review of US surveillance programs after Snowden leaked documents that raised alarm in the United States and abroad. Spain has so far resisted calls from Germany for the European Union’s 28-member states to reach a “no-spy deal”, after reports that the NSA monitored the phone of German chancellor Angela Merkel.

Reuters

US ambassador in Spain, James Costos, leaves the foreign ministry after being summoned to a meeting with Spain’s European Secretary of State in Madrid on 28 Oct, 2013. — Reuters

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Airshow attendees watch aerobatic performance during the Wings Over Houston Airshow at Ellington Airport of Houston, the United States, on 26 Oct, 2013. The annual airshow kicked off on Saturday, with the absence of the US Air Force Thunderbirds air demonstration squadron due to the spending cuts of the US Defence Department caused by the budget sequestration. (Xinhua)

Ten candidate names for China’s first moon rover after global poll

BEIJING, 29 Oct — Ten possible names for China’s first moon rover, likely to be launched in December, have come out after a month-long online poll and debate of a jury board. “Yutu,” or jade hare in Chinese, tops the list while “Tansuo,” or explore, and “Lanyu,” or catch moon, came at the second and third places, said Sunday’s Beijing Times.

Chinese at home and abroad were wont to submit proposals for the name of the lunar rover at www. xinhuanet.com and www. qq.com from 25 September to 25 October. About 190,000 proposals were received and a 14-member jury board selected the ten most popular after heated debates and several rounds of vote on Saturday, said the newspaper report.

“Yutu” is a white pet rabbit accompanying the goddess Chang’e on the moon in a popular ancient Chinese myth. In the next week, another online poll will elect the three most popular names and the final result will be announced in November. The moon rover is scheduled to be on board of the Chang’e-3 moon probe, which will soft-land on the moon.

The rover has two wings, stands on six wheels, weighs 140 kg and will be powered by solar energy. In an interview last month, Zhao Xiaojin, director of the aerospace department of the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation, depicted the lunar rover an orbiter adaptable to harsh environments; a highly efficient and integrated robot; and a high altitude “patrolman” carrying the dreams of Asia.

“When it arrives in lunar orbit on board a lander, the rover will choose the best landing site and gently touch down the moon’s surface, using optical and microwave sensors to avoid rocks and craters,” Zhao said. — Reuters

Computer cracks CAPTCHAs in step toward artificial intelligence

NEW YORK, 29 Oct — A technology start-up said on Monday that it had come up with software that works like a human brain in a key way, it can crack CAPTCHAs, the strings of tilted, squiggly letters that websites employ to make users “prove you are human,” as Yahoo! and others put it. San Francisco-based Vicarious developed the algorithm not for any nefarious purpose and not even to sell, said co-founder D Scott Phoenix. Instead, he said in a phone interview, “We wanted to show we could take the first step toward a machine that works like a human brain, and that we are the best place in the world to do artificial intelligence research.”

The company has not submitted a paper describing its findings for a peer-reviewed academic journal, which makes it difficult for outside experts to evaluate the claim. Vicarious offers a demonstration of its technology at vicarious.com, showing its algorithm breaking CAPTCHAs from Google and eBay’s PayPal, among others, but tech start-up reCAPTCHA, which it sold to Google in 2009. “Even if it happens with letters, CAPTCHAs will use something else, like pictures” that only humans can identify against a distortive background.

“CAPTCHA stands for Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart. They are based on the standard set in 1950 by British mathematician Alan Turing in 1950; a machine can be deemed intelligent only if its performance is indistinguishable from a person’s.” CAPTCHAs serve that function: in order to sign up for free email, post comments, buy tickets or other online activities, more than 100,000 websites require users to prove they are human by deciphering the squiggly letters, which are often blurred, smeared and cluttered with dots and lines. — Reuters

Wall Street’s love affair with Facebook hinges on mobile

SAN FRANCISCO, 29 Oct — Facebook Inc finally earned Wall Street’s love in the second quarter. Now it needs to make the relationship last. Its shares have doubled in just the last three months, buoyed by an increasing belief among investors that Facebook has finally struck a winning formula in mobile advertising. But expectations will be high when the world’s No 1 online social network reports third-quarter results on Wednesday, meaning the world’s largest social network will have to handily beat Wall Street targets to maintain its lofty trajectory.

“They’ve got to prove to investors that they can continue with the growth they demonstrated from the last quarter,” said Bob Bacarella, portfolio manager of the Monetta Fund, which owns Facebook shares. “From the way the stock is priced today, the expectations are generally that they will beat or exceed numbers handily.” Revenue from mobile advertising will be the center of attention. Wall Street analysts expect Facebook to grow its mobile revenue at least fivefold from the year-ago period, with many “official” estimates ranging between $760 million and $840 million. But there are concerns that investors are privately hoping for an even bigger number.

“While I’ve been telling folks is that, in general, $850 million-plus is the number that’s needed, maybe even $900 million-plus,” said Ben Schachter, an analyst with Macquarie Research, whose own estimate calls for $836 million in mobile ad revenue. — Reuters

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg gives audience questions in an onstage interview for the Atlantic Magazine in Washington, on 18 Sept, 2013. — Reuters
Toyota still No 1 carmaker in Jan-Sept, likely outselling GM, VW

Tokyo, 29 Oct — Toyota Motor Corp (2337.T) is likely to have retained its position as the world’s best-selling carmaker for the first nine months of the year, beating rivals General Motors Co (GM.N) and Volkswagen AG (VOWG_p.DE), company figures showed on Monday.

Toyota said its group-wide sales totaled around 7.41 million vehicles, up 0.1 percent from the same period a year ago, with strong sales in its biggest market of the United States offsetting slow sales in China. Toyota’s groupwide total includes sales at affiliates Daihatsu Motor Co Ltd (7262.T) and Hino Motors Ltd (2057.T). General Motors sold 7.25 million vehicles during the same January to September period, up 4.6 percent year-on-year, while Volkswagen rose 4.8 percent to 7.03 million vehicles, according to figures released earlier this month.

Volkswagen’s sales figure however, excludes its Scania and MAN brands.

Apple’s iPhone sales, holiday quarter up for scrutiny

New York, 29 Oct — Apple Inc’s iPhone sales and revenue forecasts, due to be released on Monday, may offer clues as to whether its low-cost 5C model missed the mark or whether the world’s largest tech company can continue its run of smash-hit gadgets.

Signs have emerged that demand for the cheaper model is lagging the top-tier iPhone 5S — both of which went on sale in September — because its $100 discount is proving to be insufficient to motivate emerging market and price-conscious customers. But some analysts say the concerns are overblown and that a greater proportion of iPhone 5S shipped, translates into better margins and earnings overall.

Apple will be reporting results just a week after taking the wraps off an incrementally improved iPad Air. But it is the iPhone, which accounts for more than half the company’s profit and is its highest-margin gadget, that takes center stage.

Apple is expected to report sales of 33 million to 36 million iPhones in its fiscal fourth quarter that ended in September, rising to more than 50 million in the typically strong holiday quarter — the first full quarter of sales of the two new phones. “Media reports of 5C production cuts are misleading, in our view, given what we think has been strengthening overall all SS/5C production with 5S vectors continuing to strengthen even real time,” Timothy弧uri, an analyst at Cowen & Co, said in a research note.

Apple has come under pressure over the past year or two to bolster sales of its iPhones and iPads as perennial rival Samsung Electronics and cheapeag gadgets based on Google Inc’s Android software chip away at its once-leading market share. Its stock has gained 12.5 percent since August, when famously aggressive activist investor Carl Icahn disclosed a large position in the iphone maker and began making calls for a new, stepped-up $150 billion share buyback programme — boosting hopes of a bigger return of cash to shareholders than anticipated. But the stock is still down about 1 percent this year, vastly underperforming the S&P 500’s 23 percent gain.

Long-term investors wonder whether the company that revolutionized the cellphone industry and popularized the tablet computer has another groundbreakung device left in it. Analysts say it will take a genuinely new device — like the oft-rumored smartwatch or some sort of TV — to re-vive the stock.

Investors also hope that Apple will seal a deal to sell phones through China Mobile Ltd, gaining ac- cess finally to the country’s largest telecoms operator. “We do see fewer positive catalysts for the stock as the company finishes its annual product line refresh,” Colin Gillis, an analyst at BGC Financial, said in a Friday note to clients.

A sign with a logo is on display at a Toyota car sales and showroom in St Petersburg, on 18 Sep 2013.

Japan’s NTT Comm to buy two US cloud computing firms

Tokyo, 29 Oct — NTT Communications Corp plans to buy two US cloud computing firms for up to 100 billion yen ($1 billion) combined, a source with knowledge of the matter said, as Japanese firms ramp up efforts to improve overseas networks through ac- quisitions.

The unlisted long-dis- tance and overseas calling unit of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp will buy Virtela Technology Services Inc, allowing it to offer data services globally without licensing cables and lines in individual markets. Denver, Colorado-based Virtela provides services to corporate clients in more than 190 countries through local partnerships.

Information on NTT Communications’ planned acquisition of a second US cloud-related firm was not immediately available.

An employee shows the first edition of a new Apple iPhone 5C (R) and iPhone 5 (L) at a Verizon store in Orem, Utah on 19 Sept 2013.

In Europe, stirrings of growth are talk of the season

Frankfurt, 29 Oct — Down in the undergrowth of Europe’s economy, something is stirring. Whether they make paper to pack peaches, recruit temps for secretarial work or work at the dirty end, handling the waste that all businesses produce, managers are talking about growing optimism that growth is on its way back. The euro zone came out of a long recession in the second quarter and a survey last week of purchasing managers — a guide to how firms see their business growing in the coming months — seemed to confirm recovery, albeit tentatively, is taking root.

“There is certainly growing optimism that things are on the mend in Europe,” said Vasant Prabhhu, chief financial officer of Starwood Hotel and Resorts Worldwide (HOT.N), one of a host of executives to comment during the third-quarter earnings season. The company, which runs Sheraton and other hotel brands, said it did well from tourists in Italy and Spain and made more revenue from each room thanks to a lack of new hotels opening. Among multinationals whose job it is to fill the jobs that companies start to create as they expand, there is a similar sense of being at the leading edge of an upturn in fortunes. “The positive signals that emerged during the previous quarter persisted in the third quarter,” said Rob Zandbergen, chief financial officer of People (USG.SA), echoing comments from rival Manpower (MAN.N). The staffing sec- tor is seen as an economic barometer as firms tend to hire temporary staff first, waiting for further evidence of recovery before adding to their permanent payroll.

Zandbergen said companies dealing with logistics and making semi-finished goods — typically involved in the early stages of production before products reach their final buyers — were doing well: “A number of early-cyclical sectors returned to revenue growth in the third quarter,” he said.

Another business close to the inner workings of industry, French waste and water company Suez Environnement (SEVLP.A), the supplier having went up by two per cent to 1,478,000 Korean won ($1,400) per share, the highest intraday level in a week.

Samsung Elec shares rise 2 percent after third-quarter earnings boost outlook

Seoul, 29 Oct — Shares in Samsung Electronics rose 2 percent on Monday, driven by expectations that the South Korean technol- ogy giant will continue to post solid earnings after its record-high profit in the July to September period, analysts said.

Some analysts raised their target prices for Sam- sung, expecting a strong recovery in its memory chip business to help offset growing slow-mo- tion smartphone profits in the coming quarters.

Samsung shares rose as much as 2 percent to 1,478,000 Korean won ($1,400) per share, the highest intraday level in a week.

A man using his mobile phone walks past a Samsung Electronics shop in the company’s main office building in central Seoul on 23 July 2013.
### PM Abe commemorates Japan-assisted opening of subway in Istanbul

**istana, 29 Oct —** Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Monday afternoon attended a reception to mark the opening of a subway system under the Bosphorus Strait in Istanbul, Turkey, that was partly financed by Japanese yen loans. “I hope (the railway) will be a symbol of friendship between Japan and Turkey, and further promote our friendly relationship,” Abe said at the reception attended by Turkish Transport Minister Binali Yildirim.

Abe also expressed respect for “the determination and passion of the people involved in the project, which became the driving force of the almost-impossible work of construction” and called the project “a historical achievement” resulting from cooperation between Japan and Turkey.

Japan provided official development assistance loans totaling 153.3 billion yen for the subway system, linking the Asian and European sides of the city.

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### Mexico forces kill two suspects in state energy firm attacks

Mexico City, 29 Oct — Mexican security forces killed two people believed to be involved in a string of attacks on electrical installations at the weekend and captured three more, the government said on Monday. An unspecified number of substations and gas stations were attacked and damaged early on Sunday in the troubled western state of Michoacan in an attack that temporarily knocked out power for hundreds of thousands of people.

National security spokesman Eduardo Sanchez said authorities were still investigating the attacks but added that two men suspected of being involved had been killed in a firefight with soldiers, while three others had been captured. “These men ... have been hospitalized as a result of injuries caused by the flipping over of the car they were trying to flee in,” Sanchez said. It was not immediately clear when the killings and arrests took place.

He said that power had now been restored to all the affected regions. Local media said blackouts had plunged into darkness more than 400,000 people across the more than thousand-home state of some 4.4 million.

Mexico stepped up security in the troubled western region in the wake of the attacks.

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### Three Egypt policemen killed in attack in Nile Delta town

Cairo, 29 Oct — Three Egyptian policemen were killed on Monday when masked men attacked a checkpoint in the Nile Delta city of Mansoura, security sources said. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack. Al-Qaeda-linked Islamists militants have stepped up attacks on soldiers and police since the army toppled Islamist President Mohamed Morsi in July.

The majority of the attacks have been carried out in the largely lawless Sinai region, although militants have on occasion extended their campaigns into major cities. Three men in a car and one on a motorcycle approached the checkpoint before dawn and fired at the policemen “to make sure that they were dead”, a security source in Mansoura said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

“This is another attack in the series of terrorist attacks against the police,” he said, saying the violence shows the intent of “revenge” against the security forces. He did not specify who had carried out the attack.

State-run newspaper Al-Ahram reported that 60 bullet casings were found at the site of the attack. The police were conducting search operations to locate the perpetrators, but no arrests had been made, according to an emailed statement from the interior ministry.

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### Berlusconi’s daughter denies planning to enter politics

Rome, 29 Oct — Silvio Berlusconi’s oldest daughter, Marina, denied speculation on Monday that she would replace her father as leader due to his failing health. The statement comes amid deepening divisions in his center-right party as Berlusconi’s convocation for tax fraud at his Mediatime empire threatens the career of a man who has dominated Italian politics for the last two decades.

Berlusconi’s decision to suspend the activities of his People of Freedom (PDL) party and revive his old Forza Italia group last week has set off between loyalist supporters of the four-times prime minister and a rebel group who back Interior Minister Angelino Alfano. Alfano led a revolt earlier this month that thwarted the tycoon’s attempt to bring down the government of Enrico Letta, a fragile coalition that includes the centre-right and their traditional rivals the centre-left Democratic Party.

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### Israel shoots down Gaza rocket, readies prisoner release

Jerusalem, 29 Oct — Palestinians in the Gaza Strip fired two rockets at a southern Israeli coastal city on Monday and Israel’s Iron Dome interceptor shot down one while the other fell into the sea, a military spokeswoman said. Within hours, Israel’s air force bombarded what a military spokesman described as two concealed rocket launchers in northern Gaza.

There were no casualties. The pre-dawn salvo against Ashkelon, about 12 km (7 miles) north of Gaza, was unusual given the relative restraint of Palestinian militants since last November’s war between the coastal enclave’s Islamist Hamas rulers and the Jewish state.

There was no claim of responsibility for Monday’s launches. They may have been meant to spoil the US-sponsored peace talks that Hamas’s rival, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, resumed with Israel in July. To bolster Abbas, Israel is due to free 26 Palestinian prisoners this week.

During the previous prisoner release, in August, Gaza militants fired rockets across the border and Israel responded with air strikes. Hamas has called on Abbas, who holds sway in the Palestinian-occupied West Bank, to abandon peacemaking and form a new Palestinian power-sharing government.

The Islamist faction has also signaled readiness to go to war, taking responsibility last week for a tunnel that the Israelis discovered running into their territory from Gaza and said was likely intended for kidnapping soldiers or setting off underground explosives. But the bombs are shifting for Hamas, which has tipped into financial and political crisis after being cut off from neighboring Egypt by the new, military-guided interim government in Cairo. Hamas’s ties with former backers Iran and Syria have similarly deteriorated and in Gaza its authority has at times been challenged by more radical armed Islamists.

Abbas’s administration, which was expelled from Gaza in a 2007 Palestinian civil war, has kept Hamas in check in the West Bank.
Shelter Self-Improvement Project Case Management Training Course kicks off

YANGON, 29 Oct—The Shelter Self-Improvement Project Case Management Training Course, jointly organized by Central Committee for Anti-Trafficking in Persons, Human Trafficking Victims Acceptance, Reintegration and Rehabilitation and UNIAP, was held at Social Welfare Department on Kyaukwaung Pagoda Road, here, from 22 to 25 October. Commanders of Anti-Human Trafficking Police Corps Police Brig-Gen Win Naung Tun, in his address, said that Myanmar has drawn National Plan of Action for Anti-Trafficking in Persons with Policy and Cooperation, Prevention, Prosecution, Protection and Capacity Building sectors as a programme for protection of human trafficking victims. Tasks are being carried out through victim-centred approach. A sustainable network is to be set up among the government, NGOs and human trafficking victims.

It was attended by 23 personnel from Social Welfare Department, seven from Anti-Human Trafficking Police Corps, seven from Gender Group, JICA TIP Project, World Vision (ETIP Project), Kren Baptist Convention Women Department. Officials from Human Trafficking Working Group which are World Vision, IOM and JACA took part in the discussions.

Ms Hoa Nguyen (International Development, Anti-Human Trafficking Program Specialist) and Daw Ohnmar-Ei-Chaw (UNIAP Myanmar) shared their experience to the attendees.

MMAL-Zaw Myo Naing

Pabedan Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Township Health Department jointly organized the public-based mobile clinic at the Dhammayon of Maha Theindawgyi in Pabedan Township on 11 October. Doctors of the clinic provided health care services to local people including members of the Sangha from 9 am to 5 pm.—MMAL-Mee Mee

Meiktila Phalankyin forest reserve contributes much to greening task

MEIKTILA, 29 Oct—Meiktila of Meiktila District in Mandalay Region is located in the dry zone of Myanmar. Thus, Dry Zone Greening Department under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forest Department is implementing the project for village firewood plantations.

Phalankyin forest reserve is one of the list of forest reserves of the Dry Zone Greening Department near Phalankyin Village of Meiktila-Kyaukpaudaung Road.

The forest reserve is located on 110 acres of land. Plants are grown under a five-year plan. After five years, the department will hand over the forest to Phalankyin Village.

"In the past, the western part of Meiktila, near Meiktila-Kyaukpaudaung Road, were covered with thick foliage. Later, the greening forest plantations were declining year by year due to growing population and number of housings. The local people utilized the forests for their housing and clearing parts of forest as residences and pasture lands. In consequence, the area gets about 20 inches of rainfall. That was why officials organized the local people to grow village plantations and conserve the existing forests. Therefore, they have over 30 inches of rainfall. Phalankyin plantation is now thriving within one year. At a time when it turns five year, the department will hand over the forest to Phalankyin Village." said Assistant Director U Soe Tint (1) of Dry Zone Greening Department of Meiktila District.

Officials and staff of Dry Zone Greening Department protect the forest plantations day and night and gave educative talks to local people twice a month not to squat the forest reserve, not to plough the lands as farmlands, not to cut the trees and not to set fire.

Thriving plantations seen at Phalankyin forest reserve.

MMAL-435

Sugarcane plantations thriving in Pyu, Kyaukkyi, Kyaukdaga

PYU, 29 Oct—Plantations of sugarcane are thriving in Pyu, Kyaukkyi and Kyaukdaga townships of Bago Region for 2012-2013 cademic year due to proper rainwater this year.

A total of 2150 acres of sugarcane of 1074 farmers are thriving in Pyu Township, 1767 acres of 849 farmers in Kyaukkyi Township and 749 acres of 143 farmers in Kyaukdaga Township.

It may be produced 95526 acres of sugarcane, said officials from Zeyawady Hsinbyudaw Advanced Sugar Mill of Pu Township according the survey of the officials. Zeyawady Sugar Mill of Pyu Township will go into operation in third week of December this year. Farmers are to send their sugarcane to the sugar mill as of first week of October.

The sugar mill issued K 300,000 each to farmers for maintenance of vehicles and K 30000 per acre to sugarcane growers in 2013-14 cultivation season.

The mill will crush 800,000 tons of sugarcane this season, said General Manager U Myo Min of Hsinbyutaw Advanced Sugar Mill.

MMAL-Pyu Myint Oo

Haka District gets new court

HAKA, 29 Oct—A ceremony to open the new court of Haka District was held in Zayhaung Ward of Haka of Chin State on 24 October.

It was attended by Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Haka of Chin State on 24 October. The Chief Minister of the state formally unveiled the signboard of the new court.

Haka District judge U Aung Win presented commemorative pennants to the Chief Minister of the State, Chief Justice U Myint Kyaw of State High Court and officials.

MMAL-Chin State IPRD

Narcotic drugs seized in Momauk Kyauksakhan

MOMAUK, 29 Oct—IP Aung Myat Kyaw and party of Momauk mobile team from Bhamo Anti-Drug Squad (1) of Kachin State together with local authorities raided the house of Ko Kun Tae at No. 17 in Kyauksakhan Village in Bhamo Township on 24 October morning.

Acting on a tip-off, they searched and found 0.001 gram of white powder from the straw of soft drink under the chest drawer and 23.7 grams of white powder believed to be heroin from the iron box and K 170,000 believed to be proceeds from the sales of heroin.

Momauk Myoma Police Station tested the powder.

MMAL-Wah Wah (Bhamo)
To actively take part in nationwide census taking

Myanmar is now working hard for taking nationwide census in 2014. This is the third time for the country after regaining its independence. Census taking was carried out in the country in 1973 and 1983. From that time on, there were no census takings that took place in the country, making it difficult to obtain accurate data and facts. Census taking activities will be undertaken nationwide from 30 March to 10 April 2014 under the leadership of the Ministry of Immigration and Population. Towards this end, the 2013 Population and Census Law has already been promulgated. Under the law, it is stated that data and facts on census shall not be utilized in other causes except census matters.

The task of nationwide census taking is huge and could cost a lot of funds. It is estimated to cost US$ 85.5 million. It is learnt that the country will spend US$ 15 million on the project and the remaining cost will be borne by foreign countries. Therefore, all the people are to actively take part in the mega process to be able to obtain accurate data and facts.

As the census taking to be launched soon covers not only census but household facts and figures, each and every household plays a crucial role in helping acquire accurate data. Only then, will it be able to contribute to drawing future development plans.

At a time when concrete steps are being taken by the relevant departments and individuals for success of the impressive process to be soon carried out, all the national people are therefore to do their bit with a sense of duty to help obtain accurate data and facts.

Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee Chairman receives foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee Chairman Dr Chan Nyein received a delegation led by Executive (Executive Education) Mr. Heyi Gan of Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy of National University of Singapore at the Hluttaw Affairs Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, this afternoon. Also present at the call were Secretary of the Committee Dr Mya Oo and 13 members.

At the call, they had a cordial discussion on educational cooperation between the two countries.

Meeting between Legislatures, Union Government and Legislative Cooperation Work Committee in progress at Hluttaw Complex. (News on Page-16)—MNA

UEC chairman meets President of National Endowment for Democracy (NED)

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—A delegation led by President of National Endowment for Democracy (NED) Mr. Carl Gershman paid a call on Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye at Chairman’s office here this morning. They cordially exchanged views on UEC’s functions and electoral process, preparations for ensuring a free and fair multi-party general election in 2015, participation of international meetings to the ASEAN Chairmanship.

Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye receives President of National Endowment for Democracy (NED) Mr Carl Gershman.—MNA

Government of Hungary hands over computer hardware system to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—An official ceremony was organized on 25 October 2013 at the Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Bangkok. On behalf of Hungarian Government, Mr. Danes TOMAJ, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Hungary to Myanmar, handed over the computer hardware system to U Tin Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Myanmar to Thailand, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The Government of Hungary donated the computer hardware system of 9567800 Hungarian Forint Type worth 43379.57 US Dollars to Myanmar in support of the assumption of the ASEAN Chairmanship of Myanmar in 2014. Ambassador U Tin Win mentioned, “The computer hardware donated by the Government of Hungary will surely support our preparation for the Myanmar’s Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2014, which will be paving the way towards the successful ASEAN Community in 2015 and will strengthen and further promote the existing diplomatic relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Hungary.”

Also present were the Myanmar Military Attache, diplomats from the Myanmar and Hungary Embassies, business entrepreneurs and media men.—MNA
Roadside vendors allowed...

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Waday and Thadukan industrial zones that were established in 2004 and lagged behind in development due to inadequacy in electricity supply and farmland issues. Upon completion of the task of developing the two zones and section (4) of Shwepyitha Industrial Zone in which other three sections have developed, there will be new jobs for 25000 workers.

Today’s session ended at noon and the 17th day session will continue on 31 October.—MNA

Union Home Affairs Minister receives NED President

Union Home Affairs Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko received President of National Endowment for Democracy (NED) Mr. Carl Gershman and party at his office, here, this noon.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun and officials concerned from Myanmar Police Force and the General Administration Department.—MNA

23rd ASEAN Armies...

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The Chief of the General Staff awarded the winners at Novelty Shooting contest. The Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) and the Vice-Chiefs of Staff (Army) planted star-flower saplings in the compound of the shooting range.

They looked round the booths put on show at Exhibition Hall in AARM village. In the afternoon, the Chief of General Staff, the Vice-Chiefs of Staff (Army) and senior military officers from Myanmar participated in friendly golf tournament held in commemoration of the 23rd ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet 2013 at PyinOoLwin golf course. 

In the evening, they enjoyed sunset view near PyinOoLwin Anisakhan and beauty of Dattawchaint waterfall. Later, prizes were awarded to those winners at the dinner at Dattawchaint Hotel. —Myawady

Pyithu Hluttaw Committee and Commission meet

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Oct—A work coordination meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees and Commission was held at Zabuliri meeting hall in Hluttaw Complex here today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker addressed the meeting. Officials, the committee chairmen and the secretaries and commission members presented the reports.

The meeting came to an end following the speech by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker. It was also attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa and officials from the Hluttaw Office. —MNA

Workshop on formulation of disaster management bylaws held

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Oct — On her speech at a workshop on formulation of disaster management bylaws held at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, here, this morning, Union Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin called on experts from departments concerned and relevant areas to give advice based on personal experiences and expertise on formulation of bylaws (draft) that have to be drawn during a 90-day period after promulgation of Disaster Management Law on 31 July 2013.

Next, Mr. Sanny Ramos of UNDP (Asia Pacific Regional Office) spoke on the occasion. Afterwards, members of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee and National Disaster Preparedness sub-committees, experts from Supreme Court of the Union and Attorney-General Office of the Union, heads of relevant departments, responsible persons of Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group and legal experts from Indonesia and the Philippines held discussions on enactment of disaster management bylaws in a transparent manner.—MNA

Shot in the arm for athletes

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Oct—Chairman of the Committee for Ensuring Success in Sports Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaung Htak visited the training center-1 at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Training Centre this morning.

There, he encouraged the Muay boxers under intensive training and training of Vovinam Bando athletes and joint training of Myanmar traditional Chinlone players together with those from Cambodia and Thailand, and training of players in billiards and snooker, Taekwondo, and archery events.—MNA

Moderate earthquake jolts inside Myanmar

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Oct—A moderate earthquake of magnitude (5.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 14 miles east of Kalewa) about (132) miles northwest of Mandalay seismonological observatory was recorded at (14) hrs (23) min (08) sec M.S.T today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—NLM

Workshop on formulation of disaster management bylaws in progress.—MNA

23rd ASEAN Armies Rifle Meeting in PyinOoLwin.
Disaster Risk Reduction

Community-based disaster risk reduction courses conducted

SEIKPYU, 29 Oct—Under the supervision of Disaster Management Unit of Myanmar Red Cross Society, Seikpyu Township Red Cross Society conducted the community-based disaster risk reduction courses from June to October 2013. It was attended by 360 trainees from 12 villages.

At the concluding ceremony at Basic Education Middle School in Chaungmagy Village on 25 October, Magway Region Hluttaw representative U Myint Soe delivered an address.

Deputy Commanding Officer U Maung Maung Win of Township Red Cross Battalion explained the purpose of training courses.

Officials presented first, second and third prizes to the winning groups from Chaungmagy and Mezalig-wa villages in practical works.

The village administrator and a female trainee spoke words of thanks.

Meiktila, 29 Oct— Township Committee of the Right of Child held a talk with local people at Magyi Village in Toungoo District on 27 October afternoon.

The talks was held at Child Care School in Magyikyaung Village.

At first, village administrator U Tun Sein made a speech.

Chairman of Meiktila Township Committee of the Right of Child U Khin Maung Tint explained the township committee of the right for rights of the children.

Member of Township Committee of the Right of Child Daw Than Than Myint briefed all on right of children.

Sanda Shwe gave lectures on tuberculosis diseases. Later, they replied to queries raised by the villagers.

Officials of Fire Services Department gives lectures on fire preventive measures to workers of Toungoo Locomotive Shed.

Security Course for Hotels, Motels and Lodgings opened in Toungoo

TOUNGOO, 29 Oct—Under the leadership of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, the Bago Region Zone Hoteliers Association conducted the hotels, motels and lodgings security course at Myanma Thiri Hotel on Meiktila Bala Road in Toungoo on 28 October.

The ministry managed conducting the training courses in 16 townships such as Toungoo, Ngwehsaung, Chaungtha, Pathein, Bago, Pyay, Mawlamyine, Hpa-an, Kengtung, Tachileik, Lashio, Muse, Sittway, Ngapali, Magway and Myitkyina.

Similar courses were provided in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Inlay regions from 21 to 25 October.

Trainers from local police stations, Criminal Investigation Department, Special Branch and Immigration Department gave lectures to the trainees.

“The is a good training for security of the hotels and lodgings. Thanks to knowledge from the training course, the hotel staff will have knowledge to give better services to the customers. The hotel staff will be higher qualification. The hotels should install CCTVs at their buildings without fail. We have given instructions to the hotels last year,” said Chairman U Nyo Myint of Bago Region Zone Hoteliers Association.

Hotel security course commences in Pyay

PYAY, 29 Oct—Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministers.

TCRC meets local people in Meiktila Township

KYEMON-KO MYO (SEIKPYU)

Talks on fire preventive measures

TOUNGOO, 29 Oct—An educational talk on fire preventive measures and fire drill was held at Toungoo Locomotive Shed on 27 October morning.

Head of Branch of the shed U Kyaw Maung made a speech. Head of Toungoo District Fire Services Department U Khin Maw explained the fire preventive measures and firefighting techniques. Technician Grade V U Thitha Swe demonstrated use of dry chemical powder in putting out the fire.

It was attended by over 30 staff and workers from the locomotive shed. The educative talks was organized by Toungoo District Fire Services Department.

“Talks on fire preventive measures — Kyemon-Myo Kyaw Hla (Toungoo)"
Singapore plans electricity futures market launch by end-2014

SINGAPORE, Oct—The Singapore Exchange (SGX) said on Monday that it has been preparing for the launch of Asia’s first electricity futures market by the end of 2014. “SGX is working closely with the EMA (Energy Market Authority), Energy Market Company (EMC) and market participants to design the futures products,” it said in a statement, adding that the launch is still subject to regulatory approval. The progress was also announced by S Iswaran, minister in the Prime Minister’s Office and second minister for home affairs and second minister for trade and industry, at the Singapore International Energy Week on Monday.

The Energy Market Authority held a public consultation last year on the development of an electricity futures market in Singapore. It issued a request-for-interest paper in May this year, setting out the proposed design of the futures market.

Six companies showed their interest. The minister said that the commercial discussions are in progress for the development of the futures market, and that an industry working group is in the process of developing the design of the electricity futures contracts. “We hope that the electricity futures market will be launched some time in the second half of 2014,” he said.

SGX is working with the industry to launch a trial to allow generation companies to build up competences and experience in trading and market making. Iswaran said the SGX is considering the introduction of electricity futures market to complement the spot market.

Xinhua

42 passengers from crashed Lao Airlines flight identified

VIENTiane, Oct — Forty-two passengers have been identified from Lao Airlines flight QV301 which crashed on 16 October killing all 49 on board, Somket Vorralath, deputy director of Champassak Provincial Health told Xinhua on Monday.

According to Vorralath, officials are waiting for DNA samples from Thailand and Australia in order to aid the identification process. Seven of the passengers are still unidentified including three French, two Laos people and one Australian.

The plane’s “black-box” data flight recorders are still unrecovered, Yakuia Lopangkaos, director general of the Lao Civil Aviation Department, told Xinhua on Monday. Repairs to a crane equipped barge caused minor delays but teams will continue through the night in attempts to reach the blackbox units, he said.

According to Lopangkaos, poor visibility and the strong current of the wet-season Mekong are continuing to make recovery efforts difficult. The two blackbox units contain information that may help officials determine details of the crash. One unit records aircraft performance parameters and inputs to the plane’s electronic systems while the other records radio communications conversations in the cockpit and ambient sounds.

The twin engine ATR 72-600 crashed into the Mekong River during bad weather 7 km from its destination of Pakse International Airport—Xinhua

New Delhi, 29 Oct — India’s main opposition party demanded on Monday protection for its candidate for prime minister, Narendra Modi, after a series of small blasts killed six people shortly before he addressed a packed weekend rally. While Modi was not in the vicinity of any of the blasts in the state of Bihar on Sunday, they were a reminder of India’s bloody political history, that includes the assassination of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi at a 1991 election rally.

The Hindu nationalist Modi is seen as a target of Islamist militants who hold him responsible for riots in 2002, during his first term as chief minister of Gujarat state, in which at least 1,000 people, most of them Muslims, were killed.

The same day’s violence was a sign of heightening tensions in the early stages of a campaign that has already coincided with an uptick in communal clashes between Hindus and Muslims. India is due to elect a new government by May 2014 in a contest pitting the political outsider Modi, favoured by business, against the ruling Congress party’s Rahul Gandhi, the son of a political dynasty stretching back more than 60 years.

Modi denies any role in the 2002 riots or bias against minority Muslims. He has gathered momentum in the period in which a suspect abroad is identified, and continue investigating antiterrorism documents that are believed to have been committed by foreigners. He has gathered momentum stretching back more than 60 years.

Nonetheless, the MPD will send related papers to prosecutors on Tuesday without naming a suspect and continue investigating the leak that came to light in October 2010 in case a suspect abroad is identified, they said. The statute of limitations is suspended during the same day. After three years of investigating the leak that the police strongly believed was an inside job, the Metropolitan Police Department failed to find evidence to support its case as a culprit could not be identified, investigative sources said.

The model of South Korea’s “CHEUNMOO” missile is seen at press day of the Seoul International Aerospace & Defence Exhibition (ADEX) at the Kintex in Paju, South Korea, on 28 Oct, 2013. More than 360 companies from 28 countries and regions displayed their products in the six-day exhibition opened on Tuesday. Xinhua

Police drop case over 2010 online leak of antiterrorism documents

In 2010, Tokyo police at the APEC-related events. The leak involved 114 documents that are believed to have been collected by the MPD division specializing in crimes committed by foreigners.

The leak was one of obstruction of duty as the incident affected its security operations for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum summit in Yokohama in November 2010. Tokyo police at the time were strengthening security ahead of a series of APEC-related events. The leak involved 114 documents that are believed to have been collected by the MPD division specializing in crimes committed by foreigners.

Tokyo, 29 Oct — Tokyo police on Tuesday dropped their case over the online leak of documents in 2010 that contained sensitive information about their antiterrorism efforts as the statute of limitations for filing criminal charges expired the same day. After three years of investigating the leak that the police strongly believed was an inside job, the Metropolitan Police Department failed to find evidence to support its case as a culprit could not be identified, investigative sources said.

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Evacuees from typhoon-hit Izu

Oshima Island return home

Izu Oshima, Japan, 29 Oct — Thirty-four evacuees from typhoon-hit Izu Oshima Island were released on Monday, 32 people who had died and nine are still missing after a typhoon on Saturday.

The evacuation order and advisory were lifted on Saturday as the typhoon weakened to an extratropical cyclone. The island was hit by deadly mudslides caused by Typhoon Wipha on Tuesday, and the evacuation order was issued to prevent further damage.

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China’s C919 aircraft gets more orders

BEIJING, 29 Oct — The Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (Comac) on Monday received 20 more orders for the C919 aircraft, which brought the total orders to 400. The Comac and Industrial Bank Financial Leasing signed a contract for the new orders on Monday.

The orders for C919, China’s largest domestically produced aircraft, have showed the increasing demand and confidence in aircraft made in China, said Tian Min, chief accountant of the Comac. The Comac C919, which will compete with the Airbus A320 and Boeing 737 family of aircraft, was scheduled for its first flight next year, but that has now been delayed until 2015.

Tian said a modern commercial aircraft is comprised of millions of parts and dozens of complicated systems and also a project involving hundreds of work units home and abroad. “This adds difficulty and complexity to project management.”—Xinhua

Japan, Colombia kick off 3rd round of FTA talks

Tokyo, 29 Oct — Japan and Colombia kicked off their third round of free trade negotiations on Monday in Tokyo, which will cover tariff reduction, rules of origin and public procurement.

At the outset of the five-day meeting through Friday, Jun Yokota, Japan’s ambassador in charge of economic diplomacy, said Tokyo hopes to “continue negotiations to reach a high-level comprehensive accord” with Bogota. Japan’s exports to Colombia are mainly industrial goods such as automobiles and steel products, while Japan-bound Colombian exports are mainly agricultural items including coffee and flower.

Toshiba to sell Poland TV factory to Taiwan manufacturer

Tokyo, 29 Oct — Electronics maker Toshiba Corp said Monday it will sell its television manufacturing base in Poland to a Taiwan partner company as part of the restructuring of its television business.

The liquid crystal display TV company Toshiba Television Central Europe Sp.zo.o., which serves the European market, will be sold to Compal Electronics Inc. by next March but will continue to supply Toshiba products to Europe via outsourcing. Toshiba said it aims to return to the black in the October to March second half of the 2013 business year as a result of the television-business restructuring.

In August, sources close to Toshiba said it was considering shutting down the plant in Kobierycze, in southwestern Poland, if it could not find a buyer.
Rapper Chris Brown arrested in Washington over assault

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct—Rapper Chris Brown was arrested and charged with assault in Washington early on Sunday after getting into a fight with a man outside a hotel near the White House, police said.

Brown was charged with felony assault at 4:25 am (0825 GMT) after the altercation outside the W Hotel, a few hundred yards (meters) from the White House, Officer Anthony Clay of the Metropolitan Police Department said.

Another man involved in the fight, Christopher Hollosy, was arrested on the same charge. News reports referred to the second individual as Brown’s bodyguard. Clay said he could not confirm Hollosy’s relationship with Brown.

The victim was taken to the hospital, Clay said. Brown has been on probation since 2009 for assaulting Rihanna, his then girlfriend, and the new arrest could complicate that parole.

This was revoked over the summer after Brown was charged with a hit-and-run traffic accident in Los Angeles, but reinstated after he agreed to another 1,000 hours of community labour.

The Los Angeles County Attorney’s office has accused Brown of cutting corners of his community labour sentence, which he was allowed to complete in his home state of Virginia.

Singer Chris Brown performs during the iHeartRadio Music Festival at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada on 20 Sept, 2013.—Reuters

Eva Mendes cheating on Ryan Gosling?

LONDON, 29 Oct—Actress Eva Mendes has reportedly been cheating on her boyfriend Ryan Gosling with filmmaker George Augusto.

The actress is allegedly not ready to fulfill Gosling’s dreams of marriage and a family at this point of time, reported Showbizspy.

“Eva has been arranging trysts with George Augusto, the Peruvian film-maker she dated from 2002 to 2010 and who is also her business partner in the Vida homewares line.

“Ryan’s friends know he is ready to settle down, 100 percent... Eva loves Ryan, but she’s very non-traditional when it comes to what she wants. She’s phobic about commitment. That’s the root of the problem,” a source said.

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Miley Cyrus: Music is my main love right now

LONDON, 29 Oct—Pop star Miley Cyrus says she will be concentrating on her music rather than crying over heartbreak. The 20-year-old singer, who recently ended her relationship with actor Liam Hemsworth, wants to focus on her music because God wants her to be successful, reported Contactmusic.

“I need to treat my music like a relationship — give it my time and all the attention it deserves — and that is my main love right now. This is the best time of my life,” she said. “I am not going to look back on it and be like, ‘I wish I hadn’t been dwelling over a breakup,’ you know? Because that is not what God wants my life to be about right now. God wants my life to be about being successful and being happy and blessing other people and being blessed,” she added.

Cyrus has been recently linked with Rolling Stone photographer Theo Wener.—PTI

Beetles and scorpions creep on to Paris food scene

PARIS, 29 Oct—Popular delicacies in Asia but spurned by most in the West, grasshoppers, beetles and waterscorpions have crept on to the menu of a Parisian restaurant for the first time. In the heart of the French capital, better known for its butter croissants and haute cuisine, Le Festin Nu, or Naked Feast, has just added to its menu dishes as remote as possible from the classics, with crunchy insects imported from Thailand.

More than 1,900 species of insect are eaten around the world, mainly in Africa and Asia, but people in the West generally turn their noses up at the likes of grasshoppers, termites and other crunchy fare. Still, young French chef Elia Daviron has created a buzz on the Paris food scene with his grasshoppers on quail eggs, water scorpions on chicory or beetles with potatoes. “I try to create a work of art around the insect,” Daviron told Le Monde newspaper. “For me this is a kind of still life.”—Reuters

Roger Moore diagnosed with diabetes

LONDON, 29 Oct—Former James Bond star Roger Moore has revealed that he is suffering from diabetes.

The diagnosis came after the 86-year-old actor’s wife Kristina Tholstrup took him to an emergency doctor in Monaco after he began losing weight and passing out recently, reported Daily Express.

Recently, Hollywood star Tom Hanks revealed that he has diabetes.

“I have got the dreaded disease,” Hanks said. “I am not feeling well. I am fatigued and weaker than I should be. I need to make a change.”—Reuters

Judi Dench walks down red carpet just weeks after surgery

LONDON, 29 Oct—Veteran actress Judi Dench, who recently underwent a knee replacement surgery, walked down the red carpet for her new movie, just weeks after the operation.

The 78-year-old Oscar-winner asked her surgeon to make sure she shows up at the premiere of Philomena, without the aid of a stick, reported Daily Mirror.

“I have a completely new knee now. It’s brilliant. When I had it done on 6 September, I said to my surgeon ‘On 16 October I will walk up a red carpet unaided’, and so I did,” Dench said.

The actress says she is far from retiring.

“I am not feeling my age at all. I am about 43, a tall willowy blonde 43-year-old with long legs. I don’t want to slow down at all. We don’t say the word retirement in our house. Old and retired are totally banned,” Dench said.—PTI

Veteran actress Judi Dench

Roger Moore in a still from Diamonds Are Forever.
WALKER SIGNS SPURS CONTRACT EXTENSION

London, 29 Oct — Tottenham Hotspur defender Kyle Walker has signed a new contract that will keep him in north London until 2019, the Premier League club said on Monday.

The 23-year-old, capped nine times by England, has made 83 league appearances for Spurs, scoring twice.

He joined Tottenham from Sheffield United in 2009, spending loan spells in the third tier with Northampton and Wycombe.

HART HOWLER TURNS SPOTLIGHT BACK ON ENGLAND KEEPER

LONDON, 29 Oct — Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Hart reacts after a Chelsea goal during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 27 Oct, 2013. — Reuters

Hart generated some more negative headlines after a last minute mix-up with Matija Nastasic inadvertently headed the ball beyond an outrushing Hart, leaving Torres the simplest of tasks to seal a last-minute victory which moved Chelsea up to second in the Premier League and left City in seventh, six points behind leaders Arsenal.

Hart has faced mounting criticism for a number of mistakes this year at club and international level, with England manager Roy Hodgson and City boss Manuel Pellegrini both publicly backing the 26-year-old in the past month.

Chilean Pellegrini, in his first season in charge at City, was slightly less forthcoming after the match.

“I can’t talk about (Hart) how his confidence is,” he added.

“I talk just internally with the players. We are going to see the best way to arrange things.” — Reuters

LPGA WAVES OFF AGE LIMIT TO GRANT TEEN KO MEMBERSHIP

Wellington, 29 Oct — New Zealand’s 16-year-old golfer prodigy Lydia Ko has been granted full membership to the LPGA Tour from the start of the 2014 season after the governing body waived the age limit clause, the tour said on Monday.

Ko, who was born in South Korea and moved to New Zealand when she was six, was the youngest player to win a professional tournament when she clinched the New South Wales Open in Sydney aged 14.

Her decision to turn pro last year was controversial after a string of poor results.

“A mixture of the world of sports is,” he added.

“This year we have had to turn things around,” Pellegrini said after the match.

LYDIA KO

The 23-year-old, at best reaching the quarterfinal match at the Australian Open, his chief rival Rafa Nadal said.

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Federer doesn’t care about No 1 spot, says Nadal

Pages, 29 Oct — Been there, done that. Roger Federer does not need to be world number one anymore and he might well be a top contender at next year’s Australian Open, his chief rival Rafa Nadal said.

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Mclroy edges out Woods in lucrative shootout

HARBOUR, 29 Oct—World number six Rory McIlroy produced some dazzling golf on the back nine to overcome a snuffling Tiger Woods by one shot in their lucrative ‘Match at Mission Hills’ in China on Monday.

The double major-winning Northern Irishman shot a six-under-par 66 to beat the world number one’s 68 in the exhibition match which, according to British media reports, earned both men in excess of $1.5 million.

McIlroy has endured a disappointing winless year but his game looked to be heading in the right direction for the final weeks of the European Tour season with a second victory over Woods following his one-shot success in the ‘Duel at Jinsha Lake’ last year.

He schooled me twice,” Woods said to much laughter after the friendly round, only for McIlroy to swiftly interject and downplay the achievement.

“Well, I don’t know about that, I beat you by one shot twice,” the former US Open and US PGA Champion smiled. Both men wore microphones as they played, but it appeared Woods forgot that his every word was being made public as he was heard swearing on several occasions.

Two then swore when describing a cold he has been suffering from for the last week, while television commentators were forced to apologise when further colourful language was uttered by the 14-times major winner on the 17th hole.

McIlroy told the on-course interviewer during his round that he wanted to win the match but the friendly chat-chat and lack of intensity, particularly from the renowned fighter Woods, was obvious throughout the contest. The two were heard laughing and joking and discussed golf club design, provided a five-footer to win the 17th.

However, the Briton’s joy was short-lived as McIlroy then carelessly three-putted the par-three fifth to fall two behind the veteran leader.

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NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—"Roadside vendors have been allowed to undertake their trade activities at designated places for part time as various organizations reported to the Union government that there will be a negative impact on the government’s drive to alleviate poverty," Deputy Minister at President Office U Thant Shin responded to the question raised by U Soe Win of Kyauktada Township at today’s Pyithu Hluttaw session.

He continued that Yangon City Development Committee launched a crackdown on streets vendors in Yangon by neglecting its annual income of K 0.8 billion collected from street vendors as of 1 June, 2011.

Moreover, measures are being taken by YCDC’s Health Department in cooperation with respective township’s Health Department by educating them to dispose of the water in a systematic manner, he added.

"I submitted this question with the aim of encouraging the government to help street vendors to sell their food prepared in a healthy way. I know removal of vendors on the roads is impossible as a crackdown launched on them can hurt their incomes. I would like to call for systematic measures to relocate the roadside food vendors and to educate them about food safety," U Soe Win said during an interview with him.

Regarding the question raised by U Tin Maung Oo of Shweepyitta Constituency, Deputy Minister for Industry U Thein Aung replied that the Yangon Region government is striving to fulfill the requirements of contractors.

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23rd ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet 2013 opened

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NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Opening of the 23rd ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet 2013 hosted by Myanmar was held at Tatmadaw Shooting Range in PyinOoLwin this morning.

The cadets from Pyin OoLwin station demonstrated their martial arts skills. Later, national races culture troupes entertained the cadets.

Japan, Russia to promote defence exchanges

The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by the Speakers. It was also attended by members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union and officials from Joint Bill Committee, Joint Public Accounts Committee and commissions, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives and officials from the Hluttaw Office.—MNA

Everybody can put fingers on Hluttaw’s undertakings: Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—A meeting between Legislatures, the Union Government and Legislative Cooperation Work Committee took place at Zabuthiri meeting hall of the Hluttaw Complex, here this morning.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann called for cooperation of legal experts, scholars and officials for emergence of a law that can bring benefit to the people and the State. Those involved in three pillars need to have thorough understanding of current affairs and serving their duties conferred by the Constitution. He invited the suggestions and advice on Hluttaw’s activities. He reaffirmed that Hluttaws will enact the laws that can benefit the people, he added.

Later, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint called for cooperation of those involved in exercising three powers: legislative power, executive power and judicial power. He pointed out that the MPs need to be cautious about misunderstandings among them.

Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyin, the Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, the Secretary of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee and those present held a discussion.

The project meeting to be held at Pyithu Hluttaw Complex here.

In March 2012, Yangon City Development Committee invited a tender for a 20-storey five-star hotel at the open air market area in Yangon. A joint venture contract was signed on 11 May. Upon completion of the project, the five star hotel will be included in the first phase of a project that includes construction of a 28-storey apartment tower, a 20-storey five-star hotel and some parts of a shopping centre.

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Five star Hotel to emerge at open air market area in Yangon

Shwe Taung Group and Pan Pacific Hotels Group inked a deal to invest in construction of a five star hotel at the open air market area in Yangon on 26 October.

Cooperation between the two developers is in progress to sign further agreements including hotel management after the signing of a joint venture contract on construction of the five star Pan Pacific Yangon Hotel.

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Photo shows high-rise buildings to be built at an open air market area in Yangon.