I N S I D E

Myanmar, India hold talks on military modernization, border security

President U Thein Sein and Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army General Bikram Singh discussed a wide range of matters including modernization of Myanmar’s Tatmadaw and border security between the two nations at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

They held talks on friendly relations with India fostered by the present government, like successive governments in Myanmar did in the past, implementation of works to be done in accord with the bilateral agreements during the visits of My-"anmar President to India and Indian Prime Minister to Myanmar, India’s assistance to Myanmar for the development of human resources, a plan to offer a large number of scholar-ship to service men of Myanmar’s Tatmadaw to take training courses in India, cementing bilateral relations between the two armies, arrangements for providing necessary assistance to modernization of Myanmar’s Tatmadaw, Myanmar’s contributions to counter-insurgency operations along Indian borders and benefits of patrolling along the border regions for ensuring border security and arrangements being made to sign a border coop-eration agreement between the two countries.

Also present at the call together with the President were Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Lt-Gen Wai Lwin, U Wunna Maung Lwin and U Soe Thane, Maj-Gen Than Soe of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office and officials. The Indian delegation led by the Army Chief was accompanied by the Indian ambassador to Myanmar and the Indian military attaché.—MNA

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Renaming of Region or State Ministry

Under the agreement of relevant Region or State Hluttaws, Ministries of Finance and Revenue of the Region/State Governments have been renamed Ministry of Finance.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**Electrification**

Nattalin Tsp’s villages get power supply

**A transformer already installed in Nattalin Township for electrification of local people.**

**Nattalin, 30 Oct—** As of 10 October, Chaukkham, Yekyi and Chaungkha villages in Nattalin Township in Thayawady District, Bago Region have enjoyed electricity on a self-reliant basis, according to the village electrification committee. Under the supervision of the relevant ministry, the committee formed with townelders started its works for electricity supply with the contributions of donors in February, 2013. Due to the committee’s efforts, villagers could consume electricity in a short time, said an official of the committee.

Three 100-KVA sub-power stations built at the cost of K 117 million are generating power to 732 households.

**Kyemon-Wanna Tun**

**Two trawlers captured in Myanmar waters**

**Kyaukpyu, 30 Oct—** While patrolling around Myanmar waters on 23 October, Myanmar Navy Ship Maha Thiri Thara under control of Cdr Kyaw Soe Moe of Dan-yawady Naval Region Command in Kyaukpyu found two trawlers of Sri Lanka, 150 miles away from Kyaukpyu and arrested them.

A total of 12 Sri Lankan fishermen on board were brought to Dan-yawady Naval Region Command Headquarters on 25 October. They were handed over to Kyaukpyu Immigration and National Registration Department. They are under interrogation at Kyaukpyu Township Police Station.

**Kyemon-509**

**Small vehicles ply on Kalewa-Yargyi road section**

**Kalay, 30 Oct—** “Kalewa-Yargyi Road is just about 115 miles and it cannot be fully serviceable in the rainy season. It is said to be repaired while awaiting the road section to be able to use with a great expectation one year after another. When the rainy season ushers in, the road is closed to traffic for heavy vehicles except the small ones. On 28 September, it was closed to traffic. It rains heavily in Mahamyang region. As of 23 October, the small vehicles could see again on the road section and the heavy ones will return to normalcy at the end of October,” said one of the heavy vehicle drivers.

“The people from Kalay-Tamu region only rely on Gangaw and Yargyi roads when they want to go to Monywa and Mandalay. Although Yargyi road is not used in the rainy season, they use only Gangaw road for easy access but the length is too long. The length of Kalay-Gangaw road section is 91 miles, Gangaw-Monywa 120 miles and Monywa-Mandalay 86 miles but the length of Kalay-Kalewa road section is 23 miles and Kalewa-Monywa 115 miles via Yargyi Road. The access road to Mandalay via Yargyi road has 70 miles,” added one of the passengers.—Kyemon-Lin Latt Kyi Sinn

**A thriving Palethwe hybrid paddy farm on Field Day in Myawady Township.**

**Field day of Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation held**

**Myawady, 30 Oct—** The field day of Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation through GAP was held at Daw El Nyan’s paddy field at Maakanal Village in Myawady Township of Myawady District in Kayin State on 26 October morning. The responsible persons and farmers attended the ceremony. The Head of District Agriculture Department explained the fruitful results of Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation through GAP. The farmers viewed thriving Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation.

**Kyemon (District Agriculture Department)**

**Educative talks on landmines given in Shwegyin Township**

**Shwegyin, 30 Oct—** An educative talks on landmines, jointly organized by Social Welfare Department and Peace Myanmar Assistance Foundation (PMA), was held at Padegon village-tract in Shwegyin Township, Bago Region on 25 October.

Chairman of the Foundation Lt-Col Thant Zin (Retd) and mine experts educated around 200 local people about landmines, local-made mines and unexploded ordinance, and distributed pamphlets, charts and books. The team also gave talks on mines in Thaneik village-tract.

On 26-27 October, they disseminated knowledge on mines in three villages and a village-tract in Shwegyin Township.

**Kyemon-692**

**Rainy flood Yamethin**

**Yamethin, 30 Oct—** Torrential rains caused floods on Sebnthaya Road in Yamethin, Mandalay Region from 26 to 28 October. Besides, the heavy rains had flooded low-lying areas of some wards of the town.

**Kyemon-Tin Oo (Yamethin)**

**Photo shows poor transport facility on Kalewa-Yargyi road section.**

**Bago gets mini book corner in region 13**

**Bago, 30 Oct—** A ceremony to open mini book corner was held in Kyun-thaya Ward of region 13 in Bago on 26 October. The ward administrator explained the purpose of opening the mini book corner.

“The ceremony was attended by ward authorities, town’s elders and local people, totaling over 50.”—Kyemon-Myo Thein (Bago)

**Man arrested for drug trafficking**

**Tachilek, 30 Oct—** Police from Tachilek District, Shan State, together with witnesses, searched At Ti, 30, at No. (158) in Tawkaw Village, Haungkle Village-tract, Tachilek on 24 October.

He was found with 9600 pink stimulant tablets worth K 19.2 million

**Rainy floods Yamethin**

**Yamethin, 30 Oct—** A cer...
Abe pledges nuclear safety as Japan wins bid to build Turkish plant

Earlier in the day, Abe and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan discussed promoting bilateral economic cooperation. Tokyo aims to increase Japanese exports of large infrastructure to Turkey and other emerging economies in areas such as energy, health care and agriculture.

“Japan is responsible for helping improve the safety of atomic power in the world by sharing its experience and lessons from the accident,” Abe said at a joint press conference following the summit in Istanbul, referring to the meltdowns at the Fukushima Daiichi plant following the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami in northeastern Japan.

Erdogan said Turkey needs nuclear power, showing his intent to call for more foreign investment in relevant projects.

During Abe’s visit, a joint venture established by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. and Areva SA of France reached agreement with the Turkish government on a project to construct a nuclear power plant with four advanced reactors in the Black Sea province of Sinop.

Kyodo News

China to step up own security after new NSA allegations

BEIJING, Oct. 31 — China will step up its security following allegations that the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) collected data on millions of phone calls in Europe and snooped on leaders of major U.S. allies, the government said on Wednesday.

“Like many other countries, we have been paying close attention to these reports,” Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told a daily news briefing.

China is concerned about the continued revelations of eavesdropping and surveillance and is paying attention to how the situation develops, she added.

“We will take the necessary steps to resolutely maintain the security of our own information,” Hua said, without elaborating.

The head of the NSA defended his beleaguered organization on Tuesday, saying it acts within the law to stop militant attacks and calling reports that the NSA collected data on millions of telephone calls in Europe false.

The White House has moved to limit some NSA programs, including one that monitored the cell- phone of German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Hua would not comment on whether China also carried out large-scale monitoring of overseas telephone calls, but the country’s security services are widely believed to run a sophisticated tapping operation, at least domestically.

Foreign diplomats say that visiting officials frequently have to leave their mobile telephones and laptop computers or tablets at home when they travel to China, such as the concerns about Chinese surveillance and hacking.

The Chinese government is often accused, especially by the United States, of hacking into computer networks overseas, targeting both companies and government departments.

China consistently denies the accusations, saying it is one of the world’s biggest victims of hacking.

Last week, China’s main state broadcaster said one of its Twitter accounts had been hacked.

Reuters

45 die after bus catches fire in India

NEW DELHI, 30 Oct. — Forty-five people died in a fire on a bus in India’s southern state of Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday as it was transporting them between the IT centres of Bangalore and Hyderabad, the Press Trust of India reported.

PTI said the private luxury bus carrying 52 people burst into flames after its fuel tank hit a roadside culvert and caught fire in Palem village in Mahbubnagar district, about 100 kilometers from Hyderabad, at 5:10 am.

Five passengers, the driver and a cleaner of the bus managed to escape with burn injuries and were undergoing treatment at different hospitals, police told PTI.

Among the passengers who boarded the overnight bus in Bangalore on Tuesday night were some software engineers who were going to Hyderabad to celebrate Diwali (festival of lights) with their families, it said.

“It seems the bus was traveling at a high speed when its fuel tank hit the roadside culvert and caught fire. The passengers in the bus were burnt beyond recognition. The entire bus has been gutted,” a senior police officer was quoted as saying. Initial reports said that the central locking system of the luxury bus jammed preventing people from getting out of the door and windows.

Xinhua
Apple’s results disappoint ahead of holiday quarter

NEW YORK, 30 Oct — Apple Inc’s stock and margins slid despite selling 33.8 million iPhones in its September quarter, and greater China revenue climbed just 1 percent even though two smartphone models hit store shelves in its second-largest market last month. The unremarkable quarterly numbers prompted some disappointed investors to cash in recent gains in the stock, which slid 5 percent at one stage after-hours on Monday. Wall Street had hoped for a stronger beat on quarterly sales after the company predicted in September that its revenue and profits would come in at the high end of its own forecasts.

Chief Executive Tim Cook predicted a “really great” holiday season: a crucial time for Apple as its new iPads go up against Amazon.com Inc’s Kindle Fire and its new iPhones compete with lower-cost gadgets made by Samsung Electronics and other rivals using Google Inc’s Android software. Sources have said demand for Apple’s $100 cheaper, brightly hued iPhone 5C sales for the top-tier 5S, spur-
ning concerns about the iPhone in home’s market positioning and its ability to compete with a growing profusion of lower-cost rivals. The iPhone 5C is available in the United States starting at $99 with a contract, or $549 for an unlocked model with no contract.

Adobe data breach more extensive than previously disclosed

ANALYSTS SAID that hackers had stolen source code and customer information from nearly 3 million customer accounts. The company also reported that the attackers stole source code from three other products: Acrobat, ColdFusion and ColdFusion Builder. Adobe spokesman Heath Edell said the software maker believes the attackers also obtained access to “many invalid Adobe IDs, inactive Adobe IDs, Adobe IDs with invalid encrypted passwords and test account data.”

SAN FRANCISCO, 30 Oct — Motorola wants to let consumers design their own smartphones.

The Google-owned manufacturer has launched Project Ara to create a free, open and standard-
dized platform to let people pick and choose the components they want in their phones, Motorola said in a blogpost this week. The goal is to create a standard endoskeleton, or frame, that can hold different modules, like extra-powerful processors, additional batteries or memory chips for storing more music, all based on the customer’s preferences.

“Our goal is to drive a more thoughtful, expres-
sive, and open relationship between users, developers, and their phones.”

To give you the power to decide what your phone does, how it looks, and what it’s made of, how much it costs, and how long you’ll keep it, Motorola said. Motorola’s vision of do-it-yourself smartphones builds on parent company Google’s success with its widely used Android smartphone platform, which it offers for free and allows manufacturers to custom-
tize. Android also gives people more leeway to tweak the features on their smart-
phones than Apple’s iOS platform offers to iPhone users.

Motorola said it has been working on Project Ara for over a year and that it recently teamed up with Phonebloks, an open source project that has also been working on creating modular smartphone components that can be easily replaced. The announcement of Ara follows Motorola’s launch earlier this year of the Moto X smartphone, which lets customers choose the colors of the front and back panels and buttons.

Motorola aims for do-it-yourself smartphones

Motorola company logos are seen in this picture illustration taken in Vienna on 9 July, 2013.—REUTERS

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An American couple is shown in this picture illustration taken in Vienna on 9 July, 2013.—REUTERS

Partial solar eclipse expected in Nigeria

ABUJA, 30 Oct — A partial solar eclipse will occur on Sunday in different parts of Nigeria, Africa’s most populous nation, a top government official said on Tuesday.

The director-general in charge of National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) Seidi Oyende Mohammed disclosed this reporters in Abuja, the country’s capital city. Eclipse is an astronomical event when the moon passes between the earth and the sun and temporarily obscures the view of the sun. This occurs either by passing into the shadow of another body or by having another body pass between it and the viewer as seen from the earth. Mohammed said the planetary phenomenon was not dangerous. But “if you look at the partial eclipse, who were part of the world would witness total eclipse. Mohammed urged Nigerians to be vigilant and protect their eyes from damage that might arise. The agency would provide such glasses for some Nigerians, especially children and selected Larys, he added. He said that the entire African continent would be able to see the partial eclipse, but other parts of the world would witness partial eclipse. Mohammed urged Nigerians to wear sunglasses to view the occurrence, adding that the measure would protect them from the heat and light of the sun.

British man charged with hacking US military networks

NEW YORK, 30 Oct — A British man has been arrest-
ed in England and charged by the United States and Britain with hacking into US government computer systems, including those run by the military, to steal confidential data and disrupt operations, authorities said.

Law and three co-conspirators allegedly infiltrated thousands of systems including those of the Pentagon’s Missile Defence Agency, the US Army Corps of Engineers, the US space agency NASA and the US Environmental Protection Agency, ac-
cording to a US grand jury indictment made public on Monday.

Love, 28, and the unnamed co-conspirators, including two in Australia and one in Sweden, then left “back doors” in the networks to later retrieve data, and intended that their activity “disrupt the opera-
tions and infrastructure of the United States govern-
ment,” according to the in-
dictment.”

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Vitamin D supplements may not increase bone density

NEW YORK, 30 Oct — People over the age of 50 often take vitamin D supplements thinking they’re making their bones stronger and preventing osteoporosis. But a new review of past studies finds the supplements don’t usually increase bone density. And researchers said they aren’t necessary for most healthy adults. Among people with osteoporosis, bones become weak and fragile due to the loss of bone density that often comes with aging. Fragile bones are more likely to break. A common prevention strategy is to take calcium and vitamin D supplements. Vitamin D is needed for the body to absorb calcium. But it’s not commonly found in foods, unless they’re fortified, like most milk. The body makes vitamin D after skin is exposed to sunlight. Although calcium is necessary for strong bones, there has been some concern about the safety of taking calcium supplements. “Recent evidence has indicated that calcium, with or without vitamin D, probably increases the risk of heart attacks,” Dr Ian Reid told Reuters Health in an email. “Therefore, there is a renewed interest in the value of using vitamin D alone for optimizing bone health,” Reid added. He is a professor of medicine at the University of Auckland in New Zealand and the lead author of the new study. Reid and his colleagues collected 23 past studies on vitamin D and bone density and re-analyzed their findings. The studies included a total of 4,082 participants. The participants were in their late 50s, on average, and 92 percent of them were women. The researchers found vitamin D supplements at any dose didn’t make much of a difference for bone density. “We were surprised at the large number of carefully conducted studies which did not dis- close any benefit to bone density from vitamin D supplements, even when the baseline levels of vitamin D in the study subjects were quite low,” Reid said. The results were published in The Lancet. Each of the studies measured bone density at between one and five sites on the body, like the spine, hip and forearm. Across the studies, there were 70 separate measurements of bone density at a particular site before and after participants took vitamin D supplements. Of these, six showed some benefit tied to supplement use, two showed bone loss and the rest found no effect of vitamin D. There was no difference compar- ing vitamin D2 and D3, the two forms normally sold as supplements. Reid said he is encouraged by evidence that calcium supplements increase the risk of heart attacks to be persuasive.

Smokers’ skin may age faster

NEW YORK, 30 Oct — Smokers are likely to get bags under their eyes and wrinkles around their lips earlier than non-smokers, according to a new study of identical twins. Judges who didn’t know which twin smoked said the smoker looked older by 7 percent of the time. That pattern held when both twins were smokers but one had smoked for many more years than the other. “Smoking makes you look old. That’s all there is to it,” Dr Elizabeth Tanzi said. “Besides lung cancer, heart attacks and strokes, just one more good reason to stop smoking is that it’s definitely making you look a lot older,” she told Reuters Health. Tanzi is a dermatologist at the Washington Institute of Dermatologic Laser Surgery and George Washington University Medical Centre. She was not involved in the new study but said it confirms what she and others see in practice. The findings are based on standardized photos of 79 pairs of identical twins taken at the Twins Days Festival in Twinsburg, Ohio. Dr Bahman Guyuron from Case Western Reserve University and University Hospitals of Cleveland and his colleagues showed the photos to three trained judges, then asked them to grade each person’s wrinkles and age-related facial features. 

China’s drug websites warned off ephedrine products

BEIJING, 30 Oct — China’s drug watchdog has reiterated that online drug vendors may not sell compound preparations or prescription drugs containing ephedrine, in the latest effort to regulate drug sales online. According to a circular released on Tuesday by the China Food and Drug Administration, qualifications in Internet drug trading services are required for pharmaceutical producers or trading enterprises to conduct online drug business, and high-street drug retailers must check and register the identities of those who buy compound preparations or prescription drugs with ephedrine.

The circular was issued after the watchdog found more than 2,000 Chinese websites to be illegally involved in selling drugs illegally two weeks ago. In addition, high-street drug retailers are also prohibited from showcasing or promoting ephedrine-based drugs to consumers on drug trading websites, the circular added.

Under China’s food and drug regulation, online vendors must be approved by authorities. They may only sell over-the-counter drugs at present, and online sales of prescription drugs and those containing ephedrine are prohibited. Ephedrine is the primary ingredient in methamphetamine.

An employee of Hyundai Motor walks past the company’s luxury sedan ‘Genesis’ displayed for visitors after its annual general meeting of stockholders at the automaker’s headquarters in Seoul on 11 March, 2011. Reuters

Hyundai Motor to recall 103,214 Genesis sedans in Korea

SEOUL, 30 Oct — Hyundai Motor Co (005380.KS) plans to recall 103,214 Genesis sedans in South Korea to address potential brake problems, the third recall for the automaker in its home market this year. The recall follows a similar one for 27,500 Genesis large-sized sedans in the United States last week due to the same issue. The Genesis model, which is a key offering in Hyundai’s efforts to go upmarket, is built only in South Korea.

South Korea and the United States are among Genesis’ top-selling markets. The cars to be recalled were built from December 24, 2007 through 16 March, 2012. The problem lies in a potential reduction in brake effectiveness caused by corrosion in antilock brake system modules, South Korea’s transport ministry said.

Last month, Hyundai and its affiliate Kia Motors (000270.KS), which together rank fifth in global auto sales, said they were recalling about 660,000 vehicles in South Korea to fix a faulty brake switch in the nation’s biggest vehicle recall in at least a decade.

In April, Hyundai and Kia recalled more than 1.8 million vehicles in the United States because of the same issue, triggering a series of smaller recalls in other markets such as Korea and China. — Reuters

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The 17-year-old girl Xu Jianmei, whose face was disfigured in a fire in 2011, has received “Face Off” operation successfully in Fujian, on 29 Oct, 2013. —XINHUA

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On healthcare, spying, questions on what Obama knew and when

WASHINGTON, 30 Oct — To his critics, President Barack Obama often seems to be conveniently distant when trouble has hit his administration. But on Tuesday, Obama was hit with a public-relations crisis that struck at the core of his domestic and foreign policy — one that raised questions about whether he had misled Americans on his signature healthcare overhaul, and whether he really was unaware of the US government’s alleged spying on its allies.

It was a dramatic twist for the Democrat, who was widely seen as outflanking Republicans during the budget debates that led to a partial government shutdown and a near-default by the US government this month. Until this week, most of the discussion in Washington on the “Obamacare” health insurance programme focused on its clumsy rollout, as symbolized by a balky website that is frustrating uninsured “Americans’” efforts to enroll in the programme. But several media reports on Tuesday raised questions about whether the administration was completely truthful in selling the programme to Americans four years ago, after Obama was first elected president.

The latest flap dates to a pledge that Obama made in 2009 about the healthcare initiative that remains the biggest achievement of his nearly five years in office.

“If you like your health-care plan, you’ll be able to keep your healthcare plan, period,” he told the American Medical Association in Chicago on 15 June, 2009, a mantra he has repeated regularly — including during his 2012 re-election, when Republicans were saying that the law would force millions of Americans to lose their insurance.—Reuters

US President Barack Obama speaks during a welcome ceremony for Ireland’s President Michael D. Higgins at the National Palace in Mexico City on 21 Oct, 2013.—Reuters

Mexico’s president to pardon indigenous teacher under new law

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privileges. Mr. Pena Nieto said via his Twitter account that he would “commute to one year” the sentence of the 27-year-old teacher named after a previous general amnesty. He has asked to serve the sentence doing community service. The president says that others will be pardoned too.

The lower house of Congress approved the law expanding the reach of presidential pardons earlier on Tuesday to encompass prisoners whose human rights have been violated.

Few crimes in Mexico are successfully investigat- ed and prosecuted, while police are frequently ac- cused of manufacturing evidence or extracting con-essions through torture in order to gain convictions. —Reuters

Italian Senate committee delays decision on Berlusconi vote

ROME, 30 Oct — An Italian Senate Committee on Tuesday postponed a decision on whether a vote to expel former Prime Min- ister Silvio Berlusconi from the upper house should be secret, further delaying the moment when his political fate will be sealed.

The vote in the full Senate will decide the fu- ture of the billionaire media magnate, who has domi- nated Italian politics for the past two decades. Another Senate committee recom- mended earlier this month that Berlusconi, 77, should lose his seat following a conviction for tax fraud.

A meeting to decide on the voting procedure, scheduled for Tuesday, was suspended until Wednesday to allow the Senate to vote on measures cutting public administration spending.

Berlusconi’s center-right loyalists have been fighting a running battle to delay or block a vote on his Senate expulsion, ever since the supreme court in August confirmed his fraud conviction. They want a secret vote in the hope that some rebels from the other parties may support him in defiance of their leaders.

Berlusconi is dominated by Berlusconi opponents from leftist groups including the Democratic Party, which rules with the media magnate’s centre-right in an awkward governing coalition, and the anti-establish- ment 5-Star Movement. So the Senate is expected to vote to strip him of his seat.

The conviction involved a massive fraud at Berlusconi’s Mediaset broadcasting empire. The supreme court sentenced him to four years in jail —commuted to one year under a previous general amnesty. He has asked to serve the sentence doing community service on his Mediaset broadcasting empire.

The meeting was decided on Tuesday to encompass presidential pardons earlier on Tuesday to encompass prisoners whose human rights have been violated.

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Italian centre-right leader Silvio Berlusconi sits in his car as he leaves the Senate in Rome, on 2 Oct, 2013. —Reuters

Futenma US air refueling aircraft to move to Iwakuni in 2014

TOKYO, 30 Oct — Japan and the United States have agreed to move all US milit- ary aerial refueling tankers at a US base in Okinawa to one in western Japan in 2014, sources close to the matter said on Wednesday.

The 15 tankers cur- rently at the US Marine Corps’ Futenma Air Sta- tion in the southern island prefecture will be moved to the Marines’ Iwakuni base in Yamaguchi Prefecture despite opposition from municipal governments in

Yamaguchi. The move is aimed at helping to pave the way for the construction of a replacement facility in northern Okin-awa for the Futenma base. It is hoped that by reduc- ing the burden on the people of Okinawa from the US military presence, it will be easier to win authoriza- tion from the Okinawa pre- fectural government for a landfill in a coastal area for the envisioned future facil- ity.

Kyodo News

Peru PM Jimenez resigns, more cabinet changes pending

LIMA, 30 Oct — Peru’s Prime Minister Juan Jimine- 

Jimenez declined to say who else might be resigning as part of an expected cabinet shuffle this week — more than a month before ministerial changes typically made in December.

Jimenez, a human rights lawyer, said in a tel- evised interview that he will replace Cesar Villanueva, the regional presi- dent of the northern depart- ment of San Martin.

“Every cabinet has its end,” Jimenez told journal- ister Alvarez Rodrich on local cable channel ATV.

Villanueva, widely re- spected and known as an efficient administrator, will be Humala’s fourth prime minister. Humala’s first year in power was marked by anti-mining protests in Peru’s mineral-rich Andes that turned deadly. Jimenez presided over a 15-month period of relative calm in the Andean country that is rife with social conflicts and dis- putes over natural resources. A source close to the govern- ment told Reuters that Humala chose Villanueva because of his influence in Peruvian provinces, where poverty rates remain high despite sizable proceeds from mining and energy pro- jects. Jimenez’s announced departure follows criticism of him after he appeared to dismiss concerns about crime as mere “hysteria.”

Polls regularly show that controlling crime is a top priority for Peruvians. The popularity rating for Humala, a former mili- tary officer elected on prom- ises to spread the benefits of Peru’s robust economic growth rates more broadly, has dipped to the lowest lev- els of his presidency in re- cent months.—Reuters

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**H&T Ministry organizes hotels and lodgings security course in Bago**

Officials give lectures on hotels and lodgings security.

Bago, 30 Oct—Ministry of Hotels and Tourism held a security course No 1/2013 at Phyo Pyinnya Dana Hall on Shwemawdaw Pagoda Road in Bago on 28 October.

It was attended by supervisor U Than Win of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

**International rubber research development team visits rubber farms in Thanbyuzayat**

Rubber researchers visit quality rubber farm in Thanbyuzayat Township.

Thanbyuzayat, 30 Oct—Myanmar Rubber Producers Association and International Rubber Research and Development Board held a workshop on rubber industry development for small rubber farms at Mon State Hall in Mawlamyine of Mon State on 23 and 24 October.

It was attended by 831 producers and rubber farmers from Mon and Kayin States and Bago Region.

They also met with Staff Officer Daw Moh Moh Khin of Township Industrial Crops Development Department, township rubber producers association vice-chairman U Aung Shwe and executives and rubber growers.

They discussed collection of rubber latex, systematic feeding of fertilizers with the local farmers.

They also viewed collection of rubber latex at Yaysethsaung rubber farm in Kyonkadat Village of Thanbyuzayat Township.

The International Rubber Research development team comprised 12 members of France, Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia from Europe and Asia.

**Shan State Additional Red Cross Supervisory Committee holds coord meeting in Kengtung**

Chairman of the committee Additional Head of Shan State Health Department Dr Win Kyaw made a speech.

Members of the supervisory committee discussed business of earning income, voluntary tasks of red cross members of Shan State (East) to Rakhine State, cash assistance for three Red Cross members in their voluntary tasks and conducting of training course for red cross to increase more members.

The meeting ended with remarks by the chairman of the Additional Supervisory Committee of Red Cross.

**Security**

Bago Region and Mon State Hotels and Tourism Services of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Commander of Bago District Police Force Police Li-Col Aye Than, entrepreneurs and staff of hotels and lodgings totaling 120.

The district police commander explained the training course on security measures to be conducted for five days.

In-charge U Than Win of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism explained the purpose of conducting the training course.

**National Disaster**

**Heavy rains cause floods in Zeyathiri Township**

Zeyathiri, 30 Oct—Heavy rains and overflows of Palaung Creek and Hsinthay Creek in Zeyathiri Township caused inundation at five villages in three villages-tracts of the township on 28 October.

A total of 465 houses were in two feet deep water but there was no casualties and damages in the inundation.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Paing Soe and local authorities gave a helping hand to the local people who faced floods.

Yezin Dam has 439 feet deep water at full brim.

On 28, the dam has scored 428.1 feet deep of water. Paunglaung Dam scores full brim of water at 623.35 feet.

On 28 October, it has reached 628.47 feet deep of water.

**Inter-village bridge damaged in erosion**

Tatkon, 30 Oct—A wooden bridge linking East Shwemyo Village and Thabyechaung Village was damaged in erosion of water.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Shwe, together with officials of Township DAC and TSC inspected the damages of the bridge on 28 October.

**Wegyi Bridge damaged in creek erosion**

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Oct—A self-reliant bridge in Wegyi Village of Pobbathiri Township was damaged in the water erosion caused by heavy rain on 26 October.

Wegyi Bridge was hit by parts of damaged afternoon.

There were 2.47 inches of rainfall in Tatkon Township on 27 October.

Overflow of Hsinthay Creek in torrent eroded the 350 feet long wooden bridge.

Thus, 60 feet long section of the bridge was damaged in the water erosion.

**Flood victims evacuated to safer places in Shan State**

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Oct—Zawgyi Creek was swollen Zawgyi and Ottantada Wards in Yaksawk in Shan State on 27 October when the heavy rains hit the region.

Four feet deep water inundated the residences.

Military servicemen and departmental personnel provided packets of food and health care services to 819 local people.

A total of 21 people from five households were evacuated to the safer places.
Equitable development

Due to the development gaps of our country, internal migrant is significant with significant number of crowd moving into the key development centres such as Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw and other potential development centres. The migration leaves remote areas with no adequate workforce of young people, making the local economies defunct. Though, the international migration has both welcome and adverse impacts.

There are two different views over the international migration and development of our country. The traditional one—proved to be a failure by local development projects over the past few years—is that the nation needs equitable development with dispersed development centres in each region. The previous government established factories and initiated local development projects in each and every corner of the country. But the projects fall prey to poor transportation and poor access to electricity and other resources.

Some economists have recommended that one or two development centres are adequate for the country like Myanmar, letting more internal migration and distributing wealth then to other parts of the nation gradually. But it would also means that the currently less—or at least—developed parts of the country would remain poor albeit the hope for betterment in the future. And these areas are mostly occupied by ethnic people. Thus, we should also take it into great consideration.

With initiation of development centres such as huge special economic zones, the potential development centres have taken shape. We would see more internal migration in the near future. And we should not waste any time to initiate plans to share wealth to the every nook and corner of our country for genuinely equitable development.

Myanmar delegation leaves for PRC

YANGON, 30 Oct—At the invitation of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National People’s Congress of the People’s Republic of China, a Myanmar delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Hla Myint left here by air this morning for the PRC.

The delegation was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Secretary U Ko Ko Tha, officials from the Chinese Embassy and the Hluttaw Office.

Even if the traffic police are not seeing you, I’m seeing you... Wear crash helmet!

Myanmar delegation leaves for PRC

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Oct—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by Mr. Scot Marcels, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of the East Asia and Pacific Affairs, Department of State of the US, at Zabuthiri hall of the Hluttaw building, here, this evening.

Present at the call together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker were Pyithu Hluttaw Committee chairpersons U Maung Maung Thein and U Thein Swe, committee member Dr Win Myint, commission members Daw Aye Aye Mu and officials from the Hluttaw Office. The US delegation was accompanied by US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Derek Mitchell.—MNA

Pyidaungsu and Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets USDP members

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Oct—Speaker of Pyidaungsu and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann met 160 members of Kyunhla Township Union Solidarity and Development Party of Shwebo District of Sagaing Region, 267 USDP members of Thayawady and Letpadan Townships from Bago Region (West) and 222 USDP members of Pindaya Township of southern Shan State who observed the 7th day of the Pyidaungsu and Pyithu Hluttaw sessions. The delegates expressed their support for the acting minister of the USDP and a thank you message was given to the Pyidaungsu and Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker.

The meeting was also attended by USDP members Dr. Win Htun, Dr. Maung Maung Oo, and USDP representatives from Letpadan, Pindaya and Shwebo. Members from the Union Solidarity and Development Party of Bago Region also attended the meeting.

Acting Union Minister for Education receives Country Manager of WB, President of AMCW

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Oct—Acting Union Minister for Education Dr. Mio Myint received Country Manager of World Bank Mr. Kautil Shankar at his office, here, yesterday. They had a cordial discussion on fellowship programme of the basic education sector through free interest loan of US$ 60 million by International Development Association of World Bank and implementation of projects on providing stipends and assessment of reading skills under kindergarten level children.

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Also present at the calls were Director-General U Ko Ko Tin of Education Planning and Training Department and officials.—MNA
Chinese Industry

YANGON, 30 Oct—The 2013 Chinese Industry Expo—Myanmar kicked off at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township this morning.

The third expo of China showcases higher quality products at booths of companies than that of the previous expo.

Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Director-General Mr Han Shengjian of Trade Promotion Department of Chinese Ministry of Commerce, Director-General U Toe Aung Myint of Trade Promotion Department, Economic and Commercial Counsellor Mr Jiang Yingang of Chinese Embassy and Vice-President of UMFCCI U Zaw Min Win opened the expo.

A total of 43 companies are displaying their products such as car and auto parts, heavy machinery and parts, electronic equipment, textile, glass and constructional materials, ceramic wares, personal and household goods at 60 booths. The exhibition lasts up to 1 November.—MNA

Deputy C-in-C welcomes Indian Army Chief

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win welcomed Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army General Bikram Singh, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this morning.

After the welcoming ceremony, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief held talks with the Indian Army Chief on bilateral relations between the two armies and further cooperation in border security.

Next, a Handing-Taking Over Ceremony of CDR & INFCOTT Software followed. The Indian Army Chief handed over CDR & INFCOTT Software to the Deputy Commander-in-Chief.

Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army, wife meet MWAF officials

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—A goodwill delegation led by the wife of Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army (CoAS) General Bikram Singh paid a call on officials from Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation (MWAF) of Dikkhina District, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, at the meeting hall of MWAF this morning.

The wife of the Indian General presented gifts to MWAF President Daw Mya Mya, General Secretary Dr Khin Mar Tun and CEC members.

And, the MWAF President also presented gifts to the Indian delegation members.—MNA

Monthly Weather Forecast for the Month of November, 2013

Bay of Bengal Condition

Two Low Pressure Areas may form over the South Bay and one intensify into a depression. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman sea and South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Night temperature

Night temperature will be above normal in Mandalay, and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Rakhine and Kayah States and about normal in the remaining Regions and States.

Rain Condition

Rain are expected above normal in Upper Sagain Region and Kachin State and about normal in the remaining Regions and States.

Rainy days are expected about (14 to 16) days in Upper Sagain Region and Kachin State and about (11 to 13) days in the remaining Regions and States.

Fog Condition

Fog days are expected about (18 to 20) days in Upper Sagain Region, Kachin, Chin and Shan States and (15 to 17) days in the remaining Regions and States.—NLM

Myanmar, India would not...

India matures in practice of democracy for a long time. Democratization process meets security problems and challenges. Tatmadaw desiries peace only when peace is prevailing, will the nation develop. Thanks to decadelong amity and mutual trust between the two countries, border regions enjoy more peace and stability than that of the other regions, he added.

General Bikram Singh said that promoting mutual cooperation and relations would help support regional stability and world peace.

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Development

Development of Danu Self-Administered Zone discussed

TAUNGGYI, 30 Oct—Union Ministers at the President Office U Soe Than and U Tin Naing Then met officials of township committees and ward/village development supportive committees for development of Danu Self-Administered Zone in Pindaya on 25 October morning.

Union Minister U Tin Naing Then made a speech, saying that only when the people participated in regional development tasks, will success be achieved.

Chairman of Pindaya Township Development Supportive Committees Nwe and Saya Hla Than reported on their respective work progress.

Next, township administrators, town’s elders and supportive committees discussed regional developments.

The Union ministers reviewed their discussions. The meeting ended with remarks by Union Minister U Soe Than.

Kyemon-Shan State IPRD

Monument of Sayagyi Dagon

Tar Yar to be posted

AMAPURA, 30 Oct—U Tun Oo (U Tun Oo Literary House) of Mandalay plans to post a monument in memory of late Sayagi Dagon Tar Yar in the precinct of Taunglaylon Monastery near Taungthaman Lake of Amapura Township of Mandalay District.

The monument will be posted on 19 November which falls on third month of the demise of the Sayagi. The monuments of Poets Tin Moe, Maung Now Nwe and Sayaw Ilau Than can be seen in the precinct of Taunglaylon Monastery.

Kyemon-Tshina Ko Ko (Mandalay)

MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, misappropriation and corruption.

The public may reach the numbers for their information and complain but are requested to avoid manners causing disruptions to these phone lines. Myanmar Police Force HQ, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan State Police Forces, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeawady Region Police Forces, Offices of Commanders of East, West, South and North District Police Forces in Yangon Region, No (1) Police Station in Taunggyi, Office of Deputy Commander of State Police Force in Lashio, and Kengtung Police Station in Kengtung have emergency numbers of 199.

Phone numbers receiving complaints from the public are Myanmar Police Force HQ (067-412222 and 067-412444), Nay Pyi Taw Police Force (067-550333), Kachin State Police Force (074-21444), Kayin State Police Force (054-23355), Sagaing Region Police Force (071-24996), Taninthayi (Region Police Force (059-23998), Bago Region Police Force (052-23999), Magway Region Police Force (063-28099), Mandalay Region Police Force (02-61444), Mon State Police Force (057-24987), Rakhine State Police Force (043-22833), Yangon Region Police Force (01-2302199), Shan State Police Force (081-2 1 25455) and Ayeawady Region Police Force (042-23844).

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Kanbawza religious examination opened

TAUNGGYI, 30 Oct—Organized by Taunggyi Myo Dhammayon Board of Trustees organized the Thamanekyaw religious examination on 26 October.

It was attended by President Nayaka of Sunlan Meditation School State Ovadachariya Maha Kamathanacarinya Bhadanta Aggadhamma-bhvamsa and members of the Sangha, examination supervisor Sayadaw, exam candidate Sayadaws, Shan State ministers and officials, members of the Dhammayon Board of Trustees and wellwishers.

Chairman of the Dhammayon Board of Trustees U Sun Kyawng supplicated on arrangements for holding the religious examination for the 14th time.

In 2012, a total of 3566 candidate monks and novices took the examination. This year, 833 members of the Sangha will sit for the examination.

Wellwishers from Taunggyi and examination organizing committees sponsored the travelling and meals of the candidates.

Next, officials of Shan State government opened the examination.

The examination will run up to 29 October, and certificates will be offered to the candidates. Later, rice offering ceremony will follow.—Kyemon-Than Wai (Taunggyi)

 Readers have access to free WiFi at Myeik District Library

KYE WAI, 30 October—Information and Public Relations Department has opened village libraries and mini book corners for disseminating knowledge to the people.

Myeik District IPRD has installed ADSL Internet line with 1.0 Mbps for the people to have easy access to information across the world in time.

As of 5 October, the department is serving the readers and enthusiasts with free Internet through ADSL WiFi with the title of IPRD MYEIK.

Everybody may apply Internet at the library with the use of mobile phones and laptops in time.—Kyemon-Myeik District IPRD

Hairs of maize on high demand in market

HSIPAW, 30 Oct.—Production of maize is boasting in Hsipaw Township of Shan State (North).

In September when the maize can be harvested, one bag of maize comprising 55 viss was sold at K 30000. At present, various regions of the nation transport maize to the market, so demand of the maize was down.

Thus, sale of maize reaches K 22000 per bag, according to Daw Wai Wai Lwin of the crops brokerage in downtown Hsipaw.

Although the trading of maize is cold, the maize hairs is on high demand in the market.

A traditional medicine industry buys maize hairs at K 1000 per viss.

Thus, maize growers can earn income although the price of maize declines in the market.

Kyemon-Sai (Hsipaw)

Motorcycles displayed at a shop of Mandalay market.

MANDALAY, 30 Oct.—Thai and Chinese motorcycle companies have opened in Mandalay one after another and imported marketable motorcycles.

As students and women prefer the motorcycles made in Thailand, so the companies import the motorcycles in competitiveness. Thus, the price of motorcycle down to K 1.2 million from K 1.5 million.

Although China-made motorcycles are cheaper than that of Thai-made ones, its demand is low.

China-made motorcycles are sold at K 420,000 for Super Anbo, K 520,000 for Vanbo (C2), K 485,000 for V Anbo 125 engine superpower, K 510,000 for Julian 90C supercub and K 720,000 for Click.

Jianshe motorcycle company sell its motorcycles to basic education teachers through 24 times installment system.

Kyemon-Thinga Ko Ko (Mandalay)

A girl sorting quality maize hairs.

Take preventive measures against DHF
S Korean lawmakers visit inter-Korean industrial zone

SEOUL, 30 Oct — A group of South Korean lawmakers crossed the border into North Korea on Wednesday to visit the inter-Korean industrial zone in the North’s border city of Kaesong, South Korea’s Unification Ministry said.

The 21 lawmakers from the parliamentary committee on foreign affairs and unification, accompanied by support personnel and journalists, crossed over into the North around 9:30 am and are slated to return around 4 pm, ministry spokeswoman Park Soo Jin told a Press briefing.

“Their visit is aimed at further developing the Kaesong industrial zone and assess the situation that South Korean businesses face there,” Park said.

All operations in Kaesong, which first began in 2004, came to a halt on April 8 when the North pulled out all of its 53,000 workers amid heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

The zone, which combines South Korean capital and expertise with cheap North Korean labor, is a major symbol of inter-Korean cooperation.

The lawmakers were accompanied by South Korean Vice Unification Minister Kim Nam Sik for protocol requirements, but Kim has no plan to meet with North Korean officials, according to the Unification Ministry, which handles ties with North Korea.

The visit is the first of its kind under the government of President Park Geun Hye, who took office in February this year.

Kyodo News

Japan, S Korea eye vice defence ministerial talks in mid-Nov

TOKYO, 30 Oct — Japan and South Korea are arranging to hold a defence vice ministerial meeting in mid-November in Seoul to advance talks on a planned intelligence pact, a Japanese government official said on Wednesday.

Japan’s Defence Ministry has asked the South Korean Ministry of National Defense to hold the meeting between Japan’s Vice Defence Minister Masanori Nishi and his South Korean counterpart Baek Seung Joo on the sidelines of a vice ministerial meeting of Asian countries in Seoul.

One dead, another wounded in S Philippine kidnap incident

COTABATO, (Philippines), 30 Oct — A body guard was killed, while another got injured as armed kidnappers seized an Indian mall owner on Tuesday night in the restive southern Philippine city of Cotabato, local authorities said on Wednesday.

Cotabato police chief Rolen Balquin said the kidnappers and the body guards of Mike Khemani, a rich mall owner, engaged in exchange of gunfire around 6:00 pm Tuesday as the kidnappers tried to seize Khemani. One body guard died and another was hurt in the fighting.

“Khemani was in his establishment when he was forcibly taken by gunmen at gunpoint,” said Balquin. Then, the kidnappers fled with the victim in a black Hyundai car which was recovered by policemen an hour later in nearby village.

Police and Marine elements have launched a city-wide manhunt against the suspects, Balquin said. According to the report of local witnesses, four of the suspects who wear police uniforms were last seen transferring to a motorboat.

Khemani operates three malls in Southern Philippines. He managed to escape two attempted kidnappings in 2009 and 2007. No one claimed responsibility for the latest kidnap incident in the city.

Kyodo News

Vietnam to host Mid-East, North Africa forum to push trade

HANOI, 30 Oct — Policy-makers and businesses from Vietnam, the Middle East and North Africa will gather in capital Hanoi on next Monday and Tuesday to seek ways to pushing cooperation, especially in economics, trade and investment.

Being one of the most important external economic events held in Vietnam in 2013, the forum demonstrates Vietnam’s attention to economic ties with Middle East and North African countries, local daily Vietnam News reported Wednesday.

With a population of more than 520 million, the market would provide great potential for Vietnamese manufacturers, said the report. Vietnam established diplomatic ties with most of the countries in the region. Two-way trade between Vietnam and the region hit 7.4 billion US dollars in 2012, up 87 percent over 10 years ago. Bilateral trade between Vietnam and some countries in the region surpassed 1 billion US dollars each year.

During the two-day meeting, guest businesses would be informed of Vietnam’s economic policies and investment opportunities, while policy makers exchange views on how to boost ties and cooperation.

Xinhua

3 killed, 4 injured in bomb blast in NE India

NEW DELHI, 30 Oct — At least three persons were killed and four others injured when a bomb exploded at a bus stand in Imphal, which is near the state police headquarters. Two local persons died on the spot while another person succumbed to his injuries on the way to hospital where four others have been admitted, he said, on condition of anonymity.

Xinhua

Chinese mainland positive about cross-Strait meetings

BEIJING, 30 Oct — The Chinese mainland remains positive and open about a possible meeting between leaders on both sides of the Taiwan Strait, a mainland spokeswoman said on Wednesday.

Fan Liqing, State Council Taiwan Affairs Office spokeswoman, told a press conference that the mainland remains positive and open as long as a meeting is conductive to the peaceful development of cross-Strait relations.

Fan was responding to a question about the timing of a possible meeting between Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Ma Ying-jeou, chairman of Kuomintang.

In a Press conference held on 16 Oct, Fan was asked whether Taiwan leader Ma Ying-jeou should attend the informal economic leaders’ meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation next year in Beijing.

Xinhua

Photo taken on 29 Oct, 2013 shows the lights exhibited during the fair in Hong Kong, south China. The 15th Hong Kong International Lighting Fair (Autumn Edition) was held here from on 27 to 30 October. —Xinhua
Claims Day Notice
MV Noble Breeze Voy No (026)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV Noble Breeze Voy No (026) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 31.10.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Shipping Agency Department
Myanmar Port Authority
Agent for: M/S Interasia Lines
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Claims Day Notice
MV MH Adventure Voy No (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MH Adventure Voy No (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30.10.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-2 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Shipping Agency Department
Myanmar Port Authority
Agent for: M/S RK Shipping Pte Ltd
Phone No: 256924/256914

Claims Day Notice
MV Ei Shun Voy No (108)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV Ei Shun Voy No (108) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 31.10.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Cyprus, China sign agreement on protection of cultural property

Nicosia, 30 Oct — Cyprus and China signed here Tuesday a bilateral agreement for the prevention of theft, the clandestine excavation and illicit import and export of cultural property between the two countries.

Chinese Deputy Culture Minister Li Xiaojie and Cypriot Communications and Works Minister Tasos Mitsopoulos signed the agreement on behalf of their respective governments.

The agreement tells the ways of strengthening cooperation between the two countries in relation to the prevention of the theft, clandestine excavation and illicit import and export of cultural property, like the exchange of information, relevant legislation and good practices.

Mitsopoulos said after the signing ceremony this is a very important moment for Cyprus. He noted that Cyprus has suffered serious damage from illicit transport and the smuggling of its antiquities.

Li Xiaojie described the signing of the agreement as historic, noting that it constitutes a landmark in the history of the two countries’ cultural exchanges and cooperation. Li said, “we will continue to step up our efforts for cooperation” and “enrich the cultural life of the two peoples.” The agreement between the two countries was initiated on 8 May, 2008, and concerns Cypriot and Chinese antiquities from the prehistoric ages until the 20th century AD. —Xinhua

Former Ivory Coast president Gbagbo to remain in custody

The Hague, 30 Oct — Former Ivory Coast president Laurent Gbagbo will remain in custody in The Hague until he is tried for charges of crimes against humanity, the International Criminal Court (ICC) said on Tuesday.

Gbagbo was arrested in April 2011 and transferred to the ICC’s detention unit in The Hague on 30 November, 2011, following his arrest warrant on 23 November 2011. —Xinhua
Brad Pitt’s Plan B and Paramount clash over 12 Years A Slave?

**New Light of Myanmar**

Los Angeles, 30 Oct—Trouble is reportedly brewing between Hollywood superstar Brad Pitt’s production company Plan B and Paramount studio over 12 Years a Slave. Paramount executives believe that people at Pitt’s company breached a deal with the studio by failing to offer them a chance to finance and distribute the award-winner, the Hollywood Reporter said quoting industry sources.

The actor and the studio have had a long relationship, collaborating most recently on zombie horror film World War Z but it seems that Pitt’s company and the studio are headed for a confrontation over Steve McQueen directed movie.

The film is co-financed with New Regency and distributed via Fox Searchlight, from a concept first discussed by Pitt with McQueen that he eventually co-wrote with writer John Ridley.

Under a position, Pitt’s company is under contract to give Paramount the chance to come in on projects developed by Plan B. The studio is reportedly contemplating on what steps to take in light of the alleged breach, with its chairman Brad Grey being deliberately misled, not by Pitt himself, but by Plan B executives.

People at Plan B are reportedly declining to comment on the reported feud.

Pitt’s friend and collaborator Matt Damon is producing the film with Jennifer Todd under Pearl Street Films.

The film is “an examination of the moral ambiguities of how philanthropy and foreign assistance veers into modern day neo-colonialism” as it follows a group of hired mercenaries set to kill a warlord who has been victimising his own people.

The subject is said to be close to Affleck who has also signed on another project Live by Night, a period crime drama adapted from the best-selling novel by Dennis LeHane. LeHane wrote Affleck’s Gone Baby Gone.

Judi Dench not ready to retire

London, 30 Oct—Veteran actress Judi Dench has no plans to retire for the next couple of years.

The 78-year-old actress, who will be a year older in December, said her film career has just kicked off and she still has plenty more worthwhile roles ahead of her, reported Contactmusic.

When asked about her turning 79 in December, she said, “Oh yes, but don’t say that! That’s an absolutely filthy thing to say. Don’t say ‘old’, don’t say ‘retired’. I’m not even considering retiring.”

The screen legend has recently undergone knee replacement surgery after she was struck down with chronic pain for several weeks earlier this year, but she is adamant that she is on the road to recovery.

“I am fully recovered now. I don’t want to make a big thing out of it. I’m doing the physio, and that’s all fine. It’s an extraordinary thing, knee replacement. How do they even set about it?”, she added.

Daniel Craig impresses in Broadway revival of ‘Betrayal’

New York, 30 Oct—“Betrayal,” Harold Pinter’s drama about marital infidelity starring James Bond actor Daniel Craig and his real-life wife Rachel Weisz, is one of the hottest plays on Broadway and critics said on Monday it is worth the price of the ticket.

Craig, 45, plays the cuckolded Robert, while Weisz, a best supporting actress Oscar winner for 2005’s “Constant Gardener,” is Emma, the woman who betrays him by having a seven-year affair with his best friend.

The play, the first stage collaboration for the celebrity couple since their marriage, opened on Sunday night.

“Anyone who shelled out the big bucks to see James Bond in the flesh will get more than their money’s worth from this well-received revival of ‘Betrayal,’” said the trade publication Variety.

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Daniel Craig impresses in Broadway revival of ‘Betrayal’

The New York Daily News praised Craig and Weisz, 43, for the star power they brought to the play, which also stars British actress Rachel Weisz, 30, as the third part of the love triangle.

The big-screen James Bond and the ‘Constant Gardener’ Oscar winner are smashing and sexy in Mike Nichols’ graceful and stealthily devastating production of Pinter’s autobiographical play,” it said.

The Independent newspaper of London described the production as a commercial phenomenon and tickets are selling on unofficial websites for more than $650 each. The performances by Craig and Weisz, it added, “render it a Betrayal on fire.”

“Nichols’s crude and chaotic depiction of the love triangle is powerfully compelling theatre by en-hanced, one feels, by the real-life frisson supplied by the onstage sniping of Weisz and Craig,” it said.

“Betrayal,” which set a box-office record for its first week of preview performances, is based on Pinter’s affair in the 1960s with British broadcaster Joan Bakewell.

Written in reverse chronology with sparse dialogue and varying plot twists, it begins with the end of the affair and the final scene depicts its beginning. The play had had numerous revivals in England and the United States, and actors Jeremy Irons and Patricia Hodge starred in a 1981 film adaptation.

Variety described Craig’s performance as the cuckold as “pitch-perfect and expertly acted,” and added that Weisz making her Broadway debut, was “superb” along with Spall as the adulterous lovers.

British actor Daniel Craig arrives to attend the National Board of Review awards gala in New York on 8 January, 2013. —Reuters

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Ben Affleck to direct and star in thriller set in Africa

Los Angeles, 30 Oct—Actor-director Ben Affleck, whose thriller Argo won the Best Picture Oscar this year, is all set to act and direct in an untitled action-thriller, set in Africa.

Affleck, who is also set to play Batman in Superman reboot sequel, is reteaming with Warner Bros for the film.

The 41-year-old actor and filmmaker will both star in and direct the project, based on a script by Will Staples, reported Ace Showbiz.

Affleck’s friend and collaborator Matt Damon is producing the film with Jennifer Todd under Pearl Street Films.

The film is “an examination of the moral ambiguities of how philanthropy and foreign assistance veers into modern day neo-colonialism” as it follows a group of hired mercenaries set to kill a warlord who has been victimising his own people.

The subject is said to be close to Affleck who has also signed on another project Live by Night, a period crime drama adapted from the best-selling novel by Dennis LeHane. LeHane wrote Affleck’s Gone Baby Gone.

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Neuer says Bayern keeper’s role easier under Guardiola

BERLIN, 30 Oct — Manuel Neuer is better suited to new Bayern Munich coach Pep Guardiola’s style of passing than the ball out from the back than he was to the tactics of predecessor Jupp Heynckes, said the Germany goalkeeper.

“Under Guardiola we are trying to play the ball out in a more controlled way instead of with long balls forward,” Neuer told Sport Bild magazine in an interview to be published on Wednesday.

“It was often the case last season that we played it safe and looked for (striker Mario Mandzukic) up front with long, high balls. Now we play the ball b a l l out.”

“Players are looking for me more now than before and I can take part in launching our plays. For me it is easier because that way I am more involved in the game,” added Neuer.

Bayern have a stellar start to Guardiola’s first season and are undefeated in all three competitions they have taken part in.

The Bavarians top the Bundesliga, a point ahead of Borussia Dortmund and Bayern Leverkusen, and are also leading their Champions League group with three wins from three games.

The 27-year-old Neuer has conceded six goals in 10 Bundesliga games and only one in three Champions League matches.

Blatter’s Ronaldo remarks prompt angry response

MADRID, 30 Oct — Cristiano Ronaldo, the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF) and Real Madrid have responded angrily to comments from FIFA president Sepp Blatter that appeared to make fun of the Real and Portugal forward.

Blatter, who was forced by the reaction to apologise while insisting he meant no disrespect, was asked at the Oxford University Union in England on Friday for his opinion on Ronaldo and Barcelona’s World Player of the Year Lionel Messi.

Ronaldo, who was the last player to land the World Player award in 2008 before Argentine Messi won four in a row, posted a link to a video of Blatter’s comments and a heavily ironic response on his Facebook page.

“This video shows clearly the respect and con-

ArSENAL’S Flamini faces up to three weeks on sidelines

LONDON, 30 Oct — Arsenal midfielder Mathieu Flamini could be out for two to three weeks, missing a run of hugely significant games, according to the London club in a statement Tuesday.

Sami Khedira and new signing Asier Illarramendi and the club’s domestic cup campaign has got off to a stuttering start.

Third-placed Real are six points behind leaders Barcelona, who play at Celtic Vigo later on Tuesday, after they were beaten 2-1 by their arch rivals at the Nou Camp on Saturday.

Atletico Madrid are second, five clear of Real and a point behind Barca ahead of their match at Granada on Thursday.

29-year-old, who has played superbly since rejoining the London club in August, is definitely out of Tuesday’s Capital One (League) Cup tie at home to Chelsea and for Saturday’s Premier League visit of Liverpool.

“When we get the (scan) results we will know how long he will be out,” said manager Arsene Wenger. “It doesn’t look like a bad muscu-

ImprovIng McIlroy will win by end of year

World number one golfer Tiger Woods updates during a promotional event at the Vinpearl Macau on 29 Oct, 2013.— Reuters

Tiger Woods believes Rory McIlroy is slowly getting his golf game back on track and predicted on Tuesday that the former world number one would claim a breakthrough first victory of the year by the end of December.

McIlroy was on top of the world at the end of 2012, having won the orders of merit on both sides of the At-

lantic, but he has had a turbu-

lent season this year on and off the course.

The Northern Irishman changed his clubs in January, a switch that was criticised by several pundits. He is also in the middle of a bitter court dispute with his former management team and, according to media reports, has split from girlfriend Caroline Wozniacki. “He is playing better and swinging a lot bet-
ter,” 14-times major champion Woods told Reuters in an interview. “You can see that some of the stuff he and his coach are working on are starting to come together.”

“He’s starting to put together a few good rounds, now he just has to make a few more puts. I can definitely see him winning sometime this year because his game has come around.

World number one Woods had a close-up view of McIlroy when he lost to the twice major winner in a lucrative head-to-head ex-
hibition match on China’s Hainan Island on Monday.

The two golfers are both based in Florida and the 37-year-old American said he and world number six McIlroy had formed an excellent relationship.

“Rory has become a good friend of mine over probably the past year, year and a half,” explained Woods. “It seems like every tournament we’re paired toget-
er, we’re also playing practice rounds together and we have really hit it off. “He plays on both tours, US and European, so we see each other at big events and when we do try and play practice rounds whenever we can.”

Woods has taken full advan-
tage of the 24-year-old McIlroy’s form slump, returning to the top of the world rankings with five victories this season.

None of his 2013 wins have come in the big four championships but he left little room for doubt that he still years to break the 18-major record of compa-
triot Jack Nicklaus. “It took him until he got to 46 to do it and this year I’ll be 38 so there’s plenty of time,” said Woods. “A lot of guys have won a lot of majors post 40. — Reuters
Japan Fukushima panel proposals include Tepco breakup

Ideas for reorganizing Tepco have been circulating for months aimed at helping the utility in its continuing struggle to grapple with the huge water problem, even as it has fallen behind on its decontamination efforts and prepares to begin removing fuel rods from one of the crippled Fukushima reactors.

Abe has vowed the government will take a prominent role in addressing the 2-1/2-year-old Fukushima crisis, the world’s worst nuclear disaster since Chernobyl. The government aims to compile measures by around mid-November that will clarify the public role of breaking that unit off as a Fukushima nuclear power plant chief Akira Ono (2nd L), as they stand near a tank (C, with railings painted red and blue) which is being dismantled after leaking contaminated water, during his inspection tour to the Tokyo Electric Power Co. (TEPCO)’s tsunami-crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Okuma, Fukushima Prefecture, on 19 Sept, 2013.—Reuters

Chelsea rejoice as Mourinho’s hoodoo continues

Wenger fielded a strong midfield with Aaron Ramsey, Santi Cazorla and Jack Wilshere marshalling the centre circle, but they struggled to make an impact as Chelsea sat back, soaked up the pressure and looked to hit the hosts on the counter.

Mourinho’s side got their reward after 25 minutes when a swift Chelsea break ended with Azpilicueta nipping in to intercept a poor header back by Carl Jenkinson and poking the ball past onrushing goalkeeper Lukasz Fabianski for the opener.

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West Ham United beat Burnley 2–0 away in their last outing with late goals from Matt Taylor and Jack Colison, while spot kicks were needed to separate Stoke City and Birmingham City. After the match finished 3–3 and then 4–4 after extra time, top flight Stoke came through in the shootout. Arsenal and Chelsea reminded everyone of the League Cup’s standing in the list of priorities by making 18 changes between them from their teams that played in the league at the weekend.

Moyes’s team with a goal in each half as the Old Trafford club emphatically booked their spot in the next round. He opened his account from the penalty spot Lenny Fer was adjudged to have brought down Adnan Januzaj and then scored with a header at the second attempt. The Merseyside club have comfortably booked their spot in the next round with a 2–0 win over London rivals Arsenal on Tuesday.

Both teams rang the changes but it was Chelsea’s new-look line-up that gelled, restricting the hosts to a few sights of goal while consistently threatening on the break and the net through Spaniards Cesar Azpilicueta and Juan Mata. It was a difficult night for Wenger, who enjoyed a simmering feud with the Chelsea boss during the Portuguese’s first spell in the Premier League with the West London side and has now not beaten Mourinho in nine attempts. Manchester United
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**Myanmar, India would not accept any acts that can harm stability and security of the two countries: Senior General Min Aung Hlaing**

**NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct.—** Peace and stability plays a crucial role in achieving success of reforms,” said Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in a meeting with Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army General Bikram Singh, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC, at Zeyathiri Beikman here today.

He continued not only Myanmar but also India would not accept any acts that can harm stability and security of the two countries. Peace talks in the north of Myanmar would bring about a fruitful result soon.

**ADB’s US$ 60 million soft loan to help reduce line losses in electricity supply networks**

**NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct.—** Thanks to US$ 60 million soft loan from the Asia Development Bank for the development of electricity supply networks, 4 per cent of line losses or 98 million units of electricity that was lost due to line losses in the townships included in the project area could be reduced and annual income of K 6958 million based on the selling price of 71 kyats per unit could be earned by saving the such amount of losses, Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe said while explaining the President’s message on the matter of borrowing US$ 60 million soft loan from ADB for improvement in electricity supply networks at the today’s Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session.

He continued that installation of new transformers, substitution of old power lines and aerial bundled conductors with new ones and replacement of analog meter boxes with digital ones suggested by ADB’s consultants will reduce both technical and non-technical losses to a certain extent. According the agreement, the pay-back period is 24 years, including an 8-year grace period. The interest rate is one per cent in the grace period and 1.5 per cent in the pay-back period, he added.

Regarding the points stated from para-24 to para-33 in the report of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Study Commission on the Rights of Employee and Employer, Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Htin Aung gave an account of the tasks of ministry on welfare benefits, occupation health and worksite safety measures, formation of workers’ organization, functions of Dispute Settlement Arbitration Council and on-job training courses.

Next, Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung, Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Lin Aung and Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Transport, Telecommunications and Construction Committee U Myo Swe held discussions on Union Additional Budget Bill for 2013-2014 fiscal year.—MNA

**Special photo exhibition marks 65th Anniversary of Thailand-Myanmar Diplomatic Relations**

**YANGON, 30 Oct.—** A special photo exhibition in celebration of the 65th Anniversary of Thailand-Myanmar Diplomatic Relations took place at Central World Shopping Centre in Bangkok of Thailand from 16 to 20 October.

The opening of photo exhibition was held on 16 October. Ambassador Mr Peerasak Chantavarin from Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Tin Win delivered addresses and cut the ribbon to open it.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand sent famous photographers to Myanmar to take the photos of Myanmar’s life styles and interested ancient cultural heritages. The exhibition is aimed at further promoting amity between Myanmar and Thailand, it is reported.

The Ambassador said that interactive exchanges of two leaders could help promote the relations between the two countries.

Taking the lessons from the past events, both sides need to work towards the future. Both countries are joining hands in regional and international affairs such as UN, ASEAN and Greater Mekong Sub-Region (GMS). There are huge trade and investments between the two countries.—MNA

**Myanmar emerge champion in hockey test match**

**YANGON, 30 Oct.—** Tentatively selected national hockey team clinched the title in the Pre-SEA Games Hockey Test Match with a 4-0 victory over Thai team today.

Among the spectators at the final match taking place at Theibinyu Hockey Turf Pitch were Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe and region ministers, officials of the Ministry of Sports, President of Myanmar Hockey Federation U Htin Zaw Win and executives, diplomats from foreign embassies.

The president of the federation presented the best player award to respective player, Director U Kyaw Hsan Oo of Sports and Physical Education Department, individual awards and second prize trophy to Thai team, Regional Minister U Than Myint of Kachin State and Mayor U Hla Myint, the top scorer award, best goalkeeper award and best player awards in respective places to ill. winners.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe awarded the championship trophy to Myanmar team.

Than Swe (Pabedan)