Peace process not end with ceasefire
Discussions, debates on Constitution indicate democratic practices taking shape in Myanmar society
Avoid taking extreme measures when dealing with constitutional amendment

My fellow citizens:
I would like to inform all of you about the recent changes and developments that have taken place in our country as well as the progress made in the peace process in this month’s radio program.

First of all, I would like to wholeheartedly welcome the peace conference of the leaders of the ethnic armed groups that is being held since the end of last month. I understand that this conference is being held with a view to discussing the issues related to the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement that is planned to take place in the near future. I am very happy to hear that the deliberation at the conference was very constructive and that its emphasis was on achieving lasting peace which all citizens have longed for. I would like to reiterate that I will be welcoming all ethnic armed groups to the signing ceremony of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement after they successfully conclude the peace conference.

I would like to briefly explain the objectives of holding the signing ceremony of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement. We are holding the ceremony because we want to comply with the demands of the ethnic armed groups, reaffirm all existing agreements and undertake the tasks needed to inaugurate the peace dialogue process immediately after the signing of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement. I would like to reaffirm once more that the peace process will not end with ceasefire; we are committed to launching the political dialogue process from the foundation of ceasefires we have already achieved. I would also like to make clear again that in the current peace process, the government discussed all the proposed items from the ethnic armed groups without setting any pre-conditions. Such actions helped us to successfully build trust with the ethnic armed groups. The mutual trust we have built so far also allowed the government and the ethnic armed groups to work together in solving unfortunate problems such as the recent incidences of explosions. I am convinced that the Laiza peace conference of the leaders of ethnic armed groups will pave the way for the successful inauguration of the political dialogue process.

The way in which a person may view the pace of the political process and the reforms depends on his or her political views, perspectives and norms. The analysis of the recent political discussions and debates on the Constitution indicates that democratic practices have begun to take shape in our society. It is our national duty for all of us to try to do everything we can to make sure that these democratic practices are consolidated and become deeply rooted in our society. In so doing, we should avoid the two extremes—slow actions that could significantly slow down the democratization process and fast actions that could lead to gaps in the process. Our society must try to achieve pragmatic results that are more reflective of our current political situation. We should also avoid taking extreme measures when dealing with constitution amendment. Instead of simply focusing on what we want, we should act objectively with the right intentions to fulfill the wishes of people and try

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President U Thein Sein attends rural electrification equipment and industrial product exhibition-2013

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct—Accompanied by Vice-President U Nyan Tun, the Union ministers and the deputy ministers, President U Thein Sein attended an opening ceremony of rural electrification equipment and industrial product exhibition-2013 at Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, this morning.

First, Union Ministers U Thein Nyunt, U Soe Than, U Ohn Myint and U Maung Myint and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Sebastianus Suwarsono formally opened the ceremony.

Next, President U Thein Sein unveiled the signboard of the exhibition.

Then, the President and party viewed round solar panels and equipment and displayed in and out of the MICC building and booths displaying rural electrification equipment, garment, textile and electrical appliances, medicines and food-stuff, paper and household goods and shops.

Those who are willing to give a helping hand to rural electrification projects made donations at the exhibition.

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President’s radio address on air

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct—A radio address to be delivered by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein will be broadcast through radio programmes from 1 to 3 November. Myannya Radio, Mandalay FM, Pyinsawady FM, Shwe FM, Cherry FM, Padamya FM, FM Bagan and Thazin Radio will broadcast the message four times a day at 7 am, 10 am, 6 pm and 8 pm.

MNA

Governor-General of Commonwealth of Australia to visit Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—At the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Her Excellency the Honourable Quentin Bryce AC CVO, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and her spouse will pay a state visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in the near future.—MNA

MNA
Bus services to be extended during SEA Games

YANGON, 31 Oct—Bus services will be extended for ensuring convenient public transportation during the SEA Games, said a responsible person from All Private Bus-Line Control Committee (Central).

"The passenger buses would ply former routes and the direction of the road could not change," said the responsible person. It is said that the passenger buses are to be arranged for convenient public transportation not only along Waizayan-Tar Road in Thimgyangan and Thanthumar Road but also at MCC and North Okkalapa Shooting Range where the sport events will be held. The responsible person said “More surprised check will be conducted whether all drivers and conductors wear their uniforms in coming SEA Games, one of the international level games.”

The bus lines are to be under check by the bus line supervisors during the SEA Games.

Kyemon (K Thein Swe)

RBE Air-Con coach available for public transportation

YANGON, 31 Oct—Myanmar Railways (MR) plies every two days to downtown Yangon for public smooth transportation by using 21 coaches every day. MR has provided better services for public transport with the use of special coach equipped with fans since 17 April early this year.

RBE Air-Con coach has piled up to 208 times with the use of 22 coaches so far. It can be available for over 100,000 passengers. A train with six passenger coaches complete with fiber chairs, lamps and fans will go into operation by the first November as it had already built in Myingyin (Locomotive Shed). It can save 108 passengers for each coach on board and totally 648 passengers.

The train ticket for one journey costs K 300 for local and US$ 1 for foreigner. The Air-Con coach run recently cost K 400 for each but it was not a profit condition. So MR is operating at a loss for fulfillment of the public wishes.

The time table for the special trains starting from the first November will be announced in all railway stations of circulator rail-road.

Kyemon (MM)

Tourists enjoy dinner in Minhla Fort

MINHLA, 31 Oct—A ceremony to host dinner for the passengers on OR-CAILLA cruise for the second time was held at the historic Minhla Fort in upper Minhla Township of Magway Region on 29 October.

The passengers entered Minhla Fort was greeted by local people wearing royal ceremonial dress on a grand scale just like for the first time. Mrs Wyper Jennifer who came from Great Britains said, “The government should spend its state fund on preserving the historical evidences like Minhla Fort because it is no one like other.”

There are 27 visitors in total including eight Britishes, eight Germans, four Frenchs, three Australians, two Japanese and two Liechtensteins.

Kyemon (Maung Thein Mway-upper Minhla)

Embarkment of Mechinpaung Dam breaks out in heavy rain

TAUNGDWINGYI, 31 Oct—Due to heavy rain from 26 to 29 October, the embarkment of Mechinpaung Dam was broken out. The local farmers from Thaphankhon, Kanyangus and Naungywa villages are worrying about 360 acres of monsoon paddy fields, said a member of the Dam Committee.

Kyemon—Soe Win-MILA

Myanmar Billiard players’ dream of sweeping gold

With less than 40 days to go, the countdown is on until the opening ceremony of the 27th SEA Games in Myanmar. The majority of sports teams are making preparations for the SEA Games after finalizing their selection. Myanmar Billiard & Snooker Federation selected 17 players in the last week of October and now they are under intensive training so as to sweep gold medals. Billiard matches for the SEA Games includes billiard, snooker, carom and pool. Myanmar will participate in all events. Foreign coaches gave a short-term training to Myanmar players. A famous billiard player from England trained Myanmar players in August.

Myanmar players had billiards and snooker international experience but no pool and carom experience. The Pre-SEA Games Bil-
Merkel envoys at White House to sort out US-German tensions

WASHINGTON, 31 Oct — American and German officials sought to overcome tension between their governments on Wednesday following reports that the US National Security Agency monitored German Chancellor Angela Merkel’s mobile phone.

A meeting between White House security adviser Susan Rice and her German counterpart came a week after an infuriated Merkel complained to President Barack Obama about accusations that the United States had for years been eavesdropping on her.

Obama, in response to the diplomatic outcry that grew out of the reports, is considering a ban on US eavesdropping on leaders of allied nations, senior administration officials say.

German’s national security adviser, Christoph Heusgen, and the German chancellery intelligence co-ordinator, Guenther Heiss, sat down with Rice and Obama’s homeland security adviser, Lisa Monaco, at the White House.

US Director of National Intelligence James Clapper and NSA Deputy Director Chris Inglis also participated.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the meeting was “part of our efforts to resolve some of the tension that has arisen out of some reports about surveillance activities reportedly being conducted by the US.”

Obama is under pressure to reassure allies about the scope and scale of American intelligence gathering. The White House has promised that US officials are not and will not in the future eavesdrop on Merkel’s communications.

Caitlin Hayden, spokeswoman for the White House National Security Council, said the meeting was an attempt to intensify and strengthen cooperation between US and German intelligence services.

“Today’s discussions were an opportunity to hear from one another and jointly determine how the dialogue can best proceed in order to provide the necessary assurance and strengthen our cooperation,” she said. — Reuters

Syria meets deadline to destroy chemical production facilities

UNEP, 31 Oct — The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) said on Thursday a Syrian report declared all of its declared chemical weapons sites across the country.

“Under the disarmament timetable, Syria was required to destroy its entire stockpile of chemical weapons. The OPCW is satisfied it has verified, and seen destroyed, all declared critical production/mixing/filling equipment from all 23 sites,” the document said.

Under a Russian-American brokered deal, Damascus agreed to destroy all its chemical weapons after Washington threatened to use force in response to the killing of hundreds of people in a sarin attack on the outskirts of Damascus on 21 August.

It was the world’s deadliest chemical weapons incident since Saddam Hussein’s forces used poison gas against the Kurdish town of Halabja 25 years ago.

The United States and its allies blamed Assad’s forces for the attack and several earlier ones.

The Syrian president has rejected the charge, blaming rebel brigades.

Under the disarmament timetable, Syria was due to render unusable all production and chemical weapons filling facilities by 1 November — a target the government had met. By mid-2014 it must have destroyed its entire stockpile of chemical weapons. — Reuters

Pakistan says no civilians killed in drone attacks in 2 years

ISLAMABAD, 31 Oct — Pakistan’s Defence Ministry said on Wednesday that 319 militants were killed in 59 drone attacks in Pakistan’s tribal areas during 2012 and 2013, but there was no loss of civilian lives. The information, provided in written form to the upper house of parliament in response to a Feb. query, belied the general belief that many civilians have been killed in the recent years in drone attacks carried out by the US Central Intelligence Agency in Pakistan’s tribal areas.

The ministry that in the 317 drone attacks since 2008 — 34 in 2008, 47 in 2009, 115 in 2010, 62 in 2011, 45 in 2012 and 14 so far this year — as many as 2,160 militants and 67 civilians were killed. But surprisingly, no civilian was killed in the 59 drone attacks carried out since the beginning of 2012, which killed a total of 319 militants.

The government figure goes a long way in supporting the US administration’s claim that it has been taking extraordinary care to ensure there are no civilian casualties in drone attacks.

Ben Emmerson, UN special rapporteur on human rights, had revealed in a report released on 19 October that since 2004, “at least 400 civilians had been killed as a result of remotely controlled piloted air strikes and a further 200 individuals were regarded as probable noncombatants.”

While Pakistan government figures report no civilian casualties from 2012-2013, Emmerson quoted media monitoring organisations as saying there was a marked drop in reported civilian casualties from drone strikes during 2012 and first half of 2013.

HK govt rebuts Philippine news report on hostage-taking

HONG KONG, 31 Oct — Hong Kong’s Security Bureau said on Thursday a Philippine news report claiming that the Hong Kong victims of a 2010 hostage-taking in which eight people died and seven others were wounded had accepted Manila’s apology was “incorrect.”

“The content of the report concerned on the apology in relation to the Manila hostage-taking incident is incorrect... We will request clarification from (Manila City Councillor) Mr. Ang,” according to a statement released by the bureau.

The bureau stressed that the Hong Kong government, the victims’ families and survivors “have not reached a consensus on an apology with Mr. Bernadito Ang.”

James To, the Hong Kong legislator representing the families and survivors, is set to meet Manila representative Bernadito Ang later on Thursday to discuss the hostage issue.

To and Ang who is in Hong Kong to broker reconciliation — met Tuesday with little results according to To, who said the gap between both sides “remains wide.” An ABS-CBN news report, posted on the Philippine media organization’s website Wednesday, paint a much more optimistic picture.

“The representatives of the Hong Kong government and the victims of the 2010 Manila bus hostage crisis have accepted the apology of the city government of Manila,” it said. The report quoted Ang as saying that the victims’ families and survivors “are very happy” with the Philippine Council’s resolution and apology, and that “the families of the victims are no longer insisting that President Benigno Aquino III himself should apologize too.”

Ang continued to say that the victims’ families have “now understand, has said he is sincere in offering apologies to Hong Kong on behalf of Manila, and that the city council has passed a resolution along the same lines.

Aquino has, however, declined to apologize on the grounds that the incident was caused by a “mentally unstable” gunman.

On 23 Aug, 2010, dismissed policeman Rolando Mendoza seized a tour bus with 25 people aboard, including 21 from Hong Kong, in a bid to seek reinstatement.

After lengthy negotiations, Mendoza opened fire with an M-16 rifle, killing seven Hong Kong tourists and a guide and wounding seven others.

He was later shot dead by police and in family undetermined the coalition of the deceased have been seeking an apology, compensation, punishment of responsible officials and the Philippines’ promise to never let a similar incident happen again. —Kyodo News
Israeli apps power Samsung smart TV

TEL AVIV, 31 Oct—What makes a phone smart? Apps. On the iPhone there are more than 700,000 apps available now; Google Play has a similar number of downloadable programs that add that extra sizzle to Android devices.

The same is true of the newest technology, smart TV. Analysts predict that up to 800 million smart televisions will be in use by 2017. Where will all the apps to power that revolution come from?

One of the major app makers for the smart TV space is a small Israeli self-funded startup, flying very much under the radar.

Vonetize CEO Noam Josephides

Noam Josephides is the CEO of Vonetize, which he describes as a hybrid in the video app space. “We are a technology company and a content company at the same time.” Vonetize not only makes the apps (and manages the backend servers and streaming services that power those apps), but also cuts licensing deals with both Hollywood and Bollywood to bring content to those apps.

This is not small stuff. The Vonetize Bollywood app has a half million users. Not bad for a company that has taken no VC money and has a staff of only eleven. Don’t expect to see the Vonetize brand, though. Josephides realized early on that it would be impossible to compete with the Netflixes and Hortus of the content world. Rather, Vonetize is a “white label” provider. The consumer buys a specific app, such as the company’s popular Baby Channel or the Israeli-made Dog TV, which produces programming to comfort canines left at home alone for the day. Niche is nice, but Josephides is most proud of his company’s relationship with Samsung. In October of last year, Samsung — the leader in the burgeoning smart TV space, with close to 2,000 apps already in its online store — launched a video-on-demand (VOD) app powered entirely by Vonetize. Brave, Toy Story and Batman are all available via the Vonetize-built VOD app. Many are even in 3D. Everything is, of course, full in 1080p high definition.

Smart TVs operate via the Internet. They have their own built-in wireless cards and can connect to your home router. Apps are sold individually for monthly subscription fees: $3.99 (in the case of the Bollywood app) or NIS 30 (about $8) for Samsung’s Israeli VOD service.

The app infrastructure gets around one of the biggest complaints about how content has traditionally been consumed: You don’t have to subscribe to an “all-or-nothing” cable or satellite plan. Want just live concerts, Hollywood hits and parenting programs? That will set you back far less than what you’re currently paying, which includes hundreds of channels you probably have no interest in.

A Vonetize-enabled screen

Apple admits low battery life in “very limited” iPhone 5s

BEIJING, 31 Oct — Apple’s latest iPhone 5s may experience shorter battery life due to a manufacturing defect on a “very limited” number of models, according to a statement released on Tuesday by Apple Inc.

“We recently discovered a manufacturing issue affecting a very limited number of iPhone 5S devices that could cause the battery to take longer to charge or result in reduced battery life,” said Teresa Brewer, an Apple spokeswoman in the statement. “We are reaching out to customers with affected phones and will provide them with a replacement phone.”

Apple reported early sales of 9 million iPhone 5s, iPhone 5c and iPhone 4S devices in its first weekend on sale in September. Although Apple’s statement implies that only a few thousand devices were affected by the manufacturing defect, Apple gave no exact number.

Dr Eran Ofer from the Weizmann Institute (pictured here with his daughter)

Israeli finds ‘early-warning system’ for dying stars

JERUSALEM, 31 Oct—Meteorite fragments that caused injuries and panic in the former Soviet Union in February alerted international governments to the importance of interstellar warning systems to help avert the next catastrophe.

Now new research from Israel exposes and partially explains a previously unknown phenomenon in the universe that could help people in the future packing up and moving to another solar system before our sun explodes into a supernova — a dying star that brightens as it ejects most of its mass. Led by Eran Ofer of the Weizmann Institute of Science, the Israeli researchers discovered that before stars get to the supernova stage, they undergo a “mini-explosion,” tossing out a chunk of their mass into outer space. Never before have scientists tracked this mini-explosion down to weeks before a star dies.

Considered the most powerful explosions in the universe, star burnsout happen for two reasons: the star runs out of fuel suddenly, or consumes too much mass from a nearby star. Up until now, astrophysicists were able to “see” and record these rare events in the cosmos, but were not able to predict in advance when these powerful explosions would happen.

For scientists, this new research provides insight into the end of stars’ lives and suggests a new early-warning alert system could be in place to detect when a star will die — about 40 days before it goes supernova.

In the study, Ofer and an international team looked at four supernovas and then pored over retroactive data to find a link to a previous event. Their analysis found that a small outburst could be detected 40 days before the star fatally exploded.

NSA intercepts Google, Yahoo traffic overseas

SAN FRANCISCO, 31 Oct — The National Security Agency has tapped directly into communications links used by Google and Yahoo to move huge amounts of email and other user information among overseas data centers, the Washington Post reported on Wednesday.

The report, based on secret NSA documents leaked by former contractor Edward Snowden, appears to show the agency has used weak restrictions on its overseas activities to exploit major US companies’ data to a far greater extent than realized.

Previously reported programmes included those that allowed easy searches of Google’s, Yahoo’s and other Internet giants’ material based on court orders. But since the interception in the newly disclosed effort, code named MUSCULAR, occurs outside the United States, there is no oversight by the secret intelligence court.

The Post said the operation gained access to a cable or switch that relayed the traffic through an unnamed telecommunications provider. “We are outraged at the lengths to which the government seems to have gone to intercept data from our private fiber networks, and it underscores the need for urgent reform,” said Google chief legal officer David Drummond. Google said it had not been aware of the programme, although it recently began speeding its efforts to encrypt internal traffic.

Like other companies, Google and Yahoo constantly send data over leased and shared or exclusive international fiber-optic telecommunication lines as they synchronize information. The newly disclosed programme, operated jointly with the United Kingdom’s Government Communications Headquarters, or GCHQ, amassed 181 million records in one recent 30-day span, according to one document reported by the Post. It could not be learned how much of that included material from US residents, how the agency redacted data on them or how much of the information was retained.—Reuters
Six tips give you longer, healthier life

BEIJING, 31 Oct — The leading causes of death for older Americans are “heart disease, cancer, stroke, lower respiratory disease, Alzheimer’s and diabetes,” said medical reports respectively published by experts and institutions in the years 2000, 2007 and the latest in 2013. To prevent these diseases and improve overall health, Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, or CDC, suggests six steps to follow to lead a longer and happier life.

1. Take photos regularly

“Mammography is the best available method to detect breast cancer in its earliest, most treatable stage,” according to the CDC. Women aged from 50 to 74 are suggested to take mammograms every two years.

2. Get vaccinated

Flu is believed as the NO 7 criminal to cause death among older adults. CDC suggests people to get the pneumonia vaccine at least once a year.

3. Move exercise

Young children are not the only people need to shape bodies. Adults are also advised to participate in both moderate-intensity aerobic activities as well as muscle strengthening exercise on a regular basis. The CDC recommends sweating our way through aerobics for at least 2 1/2 hours a week.

4. Fruits and vegetables everyday

Here comes tip from CDC that plenty of fruits and vegetables links with low rate of cancer, heart disease and diabetes. CDC recommends five or more fruits and vegetables in each day’s diet.

5. Non-smoker

It is unnecessary to go into details about smoking which leads to higher mortality rate from disease and disability in America.

6. Control high blood pressure

According to CDC, over 60 million Americans have high blood pressure, yet fewer than half of them have it under control. High blood pressure is a major risk factor for cardiovascular disease, the leading cause of illness and death among older adults. Xinhua

Studies in monkeys may be next step in search for HIV cure

CHICAGO, 31 Oct — A powerful infusion of HIV-fighting antibodies beat back a poten-
tive form of the virus in monkeys and kept it at bay for weeks, US government scientists and a team led by Harvard University found, offering a potential next step in the battle against human HIV.

The two studies, published on Wednesday in the journal Nature, involve the use of rare antibodies made by 10 percent to 20 percent of people with HIV that can neutralize a wide array of strains. Such anti-
body bathes latch on to regions of the virus that are highly “conserved,” meaning they are so critical to the virus that causes AIDS that they appear in nearly every HIV.

The teams tested instead these antibodies as a potential treatment for people infected with HIV. Both teams used rhesus monkeys with the Simian-human immunodeficiency virus, a monkey version of HIV. Barouch’s team studied the rare antibodies harvested from HIV-infected humans that were grown in large batches and could be in-
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rouch said.—Reuters

Who would guess these lollipops have healthy ingredients?

Carmit Candy Industries presented its new line at the recent Natural Products Expo West in California, the larger of the two studies, “Nobody, including ourselves, has been able to develop a vaccine that can generate immune responses that are even close.”

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New Light of Myanmar
**Imperial Hotel serves frozen juice as “fresh juice”**

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**New Light of Myanmar**

**WORLD**

London, 31 Oct—Rebekah Brooks, a former top editor, and Andy Coulson, Prime Minister David Cameron’s ex-media chief, oversaw a system of phone-hacking and illegal payments when they ran Rupert Murdoch’s British tabloids, a London court heard at the start of their trial on Wednesday.

Setting out the prosecution case, Andrew Edis said Brooks was linked to both phone-hacking that ruined the tabloid News of the World and the practice of paying public officials for stories at its sister newspaper, the Sun. Brooks, 45, later ran Murdoch’s British newspaper division from 2009 to 2011.

Edis said that Coulson, who helped guide Cameron into the prime minister’s office in 2010, was Brooks’s deputy and later ran the News of the World, a Sunday paper, when its staff routinely hacked or ordered the interception of voice-mail messages of well-known figures and people close to them.

They both deny the charges.

Among alleged targets identified were model Kate Moss; Frederick Windsor, the son of Queen Elizabeth’s cousin; Beattie Paul McCartney; and Louise Woodward, a British au pair jailed by a US court for the 1997 killing of a baby in her care.

Edis told the jury at the beginning of the high-profile trial in London’s Old Bailey court that it was now beyond doubt phone hacking had occurred at the muck-raking News of the World and the jury now had to decide how far the conspiracy went.

“We can prove there was phone hacking and quite a bit of it,” he said, as both Coulson and Brooks stared ahead or took notes in the dock of what is expected to be a six-month trial.

“The prosecution says journalists are no more entitled to break criminal law than anybody else.”

Revelations about phone-hacking stunned the top echelons of the British establishment and engulfed Murdoch’s News Corp empire during the summer of 2011, forcing the media mogul to close the 168-year-old News of the World.

Brooks and Coulson, two of Britain’s most high-profile former newspaper editors, are accused of conspiring to hack phones and make illegal payments. She also faces two counts of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.

Six others including senior figures from Murdoch’s British newspaper empire, then known as News International, and Brooks’s husband Charlie are also on trial, and all deny the charges.

The court heard Brooks had sanctioned illegal payments to public officials, including one for nearly 40,000 pounds ($64,000) to a senior Ministry of Defence official. Coulson, 45, is accused of authorizing a payment to a royal police protection officer to secure a phone book with contact details for royal staff, an important tool for those wanting to hack phones, the court heard.

When police finally began to reveal the truth, Brooks and her husband, both close friends of Cameron, along with other News International figures mounted a cover-up by trying to dispose of old notebooks and computers, Edis said.

The issue of phone-hacking first came to light in 2007 when News of the World royal editor Clive Goodman and private detective Glenn Mulcaire were convicted of hacking phones belonging to an aide to princes William and Harry.

Edis said Mulcaire, an accomplished “blagger” and phone hacker, had now pleaded guilty to further charges of hacking phones including that of Milly Dowler, a schoolgirl who went missing in 2002 and was later found murdered.

It was news of the Dowler hack in 2011 that brought down the News of the World, Edis said.

The court heard three former senior journalists from the News of the World—Neville Thorpe, James Weatherup and Greg Misson—had all admitted conspiracy to hack phones. Their guilty pleas, which had not previously been reportable, were the first admissions by former staff from the tabloid since police relaunched their inquiry in 2011.

“It can never be suggested now by anybody that phone hacking was restricted to Mr Goodman,” Edis said. The prosecutor argued that Brooks and Coulson must have known about the hacking since the News of the World had been paying out about 100,000 pounds a year to Mulcaire and they held the paper’s purse strings. “If these people were doing their jobs properly, we say they must have known where these stories came from, otherwise they would never have got in the paper,” Edis said.

“Or at least three or four of the newsdesk editors were running this operation with Mr Mulcaire doing this great deal of phone hacking without their managers knowing. Well, what on earth were they doing?”

—Reuters

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**German coalition govt’ to push for financial transaction tax**

Berlin, 31 Oct — Chancellor Angela Merkel’s conservatives and the Social Democratic Party (SPD) agreed in their coalition talks on Wednesday to push for the financial transaction tax (FTT) on a European level.

The deal came as the first agreement between the two potential coalition partners that are conducting formal coalition talks in order to reach agreements on a wide range of policies and try to form a “grand coalition” by Christmas.

“We agreed to push ahead with the financial transactions tax,” said SPD negotiator and European Parliament President Martin Schulz after Wednesday’s meeting between his party and Merkel’s Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and its Bavarian sister party the Christian Social Union (CSU).

Schulz said both parties want to have the tax introduced on a European level despite very different views among the 11 supporting states. The proposal for the financial transactions tax, consisting of a rate of 0.1 percent on the trading of bonds and shares and 0.1 percent on derivatives, was put forward by the European Commission in September 2011.

The EU estimates the move could raise as much as 35 billion euros (45 billion dollars) a year, but to become law, the proposal has to be approved by all the nations that agree to participa-

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**Communication services down after quakes in NE China**

Changchun, 31 Oct—Communication services are down in Songyuan City of northeast China’s Jilin Province after two earthquakes jolted the area on Thursday morning.

A 5.5-magnitude quake hit the city at 11:03 am. The epicenter, with a depth of eight kilometres, was 44.6 degrees north latitude and 124.2 degrees east longitude, the China Earthquake Networks Centre said.

A 5.0-magnitude quake with a depth of six kilometres jolted the same area at 11:10 am. The epicentre is Dongbaiyin Village of Chagahan Town, where telecommunications have been cut off, according to an officer from Qian Gorlos Mongol Autonomous County.

The earthquakes were felt in most parts of Jilin Province and some houses have been damaged. So far, there have been no reports of deaths, according to the officer. Relief teams have been sent to the region.

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**German Chancellor Angela Merkel (L) arrives for coalition talks at the headquarters of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) in Berlin on 30 Oct, 2013. Angela Merkel’s conservatives and the SPD agreed in their coalition talks on Wednesday to push for the financial transaction tax (FTT) on a European level.**

—Reuters

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**Newspaper division from later ran Murdoch’s British newspaper division from 2009 to 2011.**

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**Former News International chief executive Rebekah Brooks arrives at the Old Bailey courthouse in London on 30 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS**

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**German Chancellor Angela Merkel (L) arrives for coalition talks at the headquarters of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) in Berlin on 30 Oct, 2013. Angela Merkel’s conservatives and the SPD agreed in their coalition talks on Wednesday to push for the financial transaction tax (FTT) on a European level.**

—Reuters
Three-storey buildings under construction at Kalay University

KALAY, 31 Oct—Kalay University is a higher institution for students from 41 village-tracts and 19 wards in Kalay Township of Sagaing Region, those from Kalewa, Mingin, Tamu and Mawlaik Township, those from Falam, Haka, Thantlang, Tiddim and Tonzag Townships of Chin State and Reed and Kykha Sub-Townships.

Kalay Township of Sagaing Region is facilitated with University of Computer Studies, Technological University at Kalay University. Of them, Kalay University is located at the foot of Chin Hill near Maikkam Village at the entrance to Chin State. The institution was opened on 16 February 1993. It was upgraded to Kalay Degree College on 7 July 1999. The facility was upgraded again to the university level on 14 May 2003. Over 4500 students are pursuing education at the education institution at day time and about 4300 students at distance education. The university is turning out over 1000 graduates.

At present, hostels are insufficiency for the students. Therefore, three-storey buildings, 192 feet long and 18 feet wide, are under construction, and it is estimated to cost K 1996.9 million for the hostels.

MMAL-Ju Nine

Relief Activity

Cash assistance donated to flood victims

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct—On 26 and 27 October night, Paunglaung River was swollen surrounding in heavy rains. Thus, Gyoatan, Intha and Thayasu villages of Kutohseik Village in Pymanya Township were flooded. The flood victims were accommodated at Taungzalok Monastery on 28 October.

Nay Pyi Taw Council Member Col Myint Aung Than together with Dekkhina District Deputy Commissioner U Zaw Lwin Oo, Pymyan Township Administrator U Hsan Maw and officials donated rice, edible oil, salt, gram, onion, potato, dried fish, instant noodle and purified drinking water worth K 1,572,000 to the flood victims of temporary relief camp.

Medical teams from regiments and units near the flooded area and those from Pymyan Township Hospital (200-bed) provided health care services to the flood victims.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Agricultural water, first priority for croplands in Chin State

THOYDIN, 31 Oct—Most of the townships in Chin State are located on the highlands and hilly regions. That is why, the local farmers face much difficulty in cultivation.

As the farmlands are on the terrace farmlands, priority is being given to availability of water for agricultural purpose.

The Union government is undertaking poverty alleviation and rural development tasks in Chin State. In so doing, the government has spent K 26.6 million on water supply since 2011. However, water can be supplied to about 25,000 acres of paddy plantations of 30,000 in the state. At present, civil organizations, NGOs and the government cooperate in transforming the slash-and-burn farmlands to the stable farmlands with supply of water. As water is indispensable for the cultivation, the Chin State government places emphasis on availability of water for agricultural purpose, said Chin State Agriculture Minister U Van Thong.

The state has produced seasonal crops such as 25844 acres of farmlands, 1567 acres of farmlands, 11724 acres of horticultural lands, 189,351 acres of hilly croplands.

Local farmers at work on hilly croplands in Chin State.

Security course conducted


The course runs up to 3 November. The course was attended by 70 trainees from lodgings, shops and restaurants. Officials shared security knowledge to the trainees.—MMAL-Salai Yaw Zin (Bhamo)

19 Buddha images found at collapsed YwaU Pagoda in Hsipaw

HSIPAW Town

The heavy rains caused collapse of YwaU Pagoda in Naukkat Village in Hsipaw Township of Shan State (North) at mid-night on 27 October. In the incident, a total of 19 Buddha images of over 100 years old and various colours of stone pieces were found.

“We found 19 Buddha images and red colour stone pieces from the collapsed Pagoda, and Buddha images were kept at the monastery. The Sawbwa (Chieftain) established Hsipaw at the foot of Loimok Hill near Naukkat Village. The YwaU Pagoda was also established,” explained Cheteyinsan Village administrator U Ta Lu.

At the scene, Hsipaw Township Administrator U Myo Tin Zaw, U Naw Maen from Township Religious Affairs Department and officials viewed the collapsed pagoda and Buddha images.

They met local people and village elders and discussed renovation of the pagoda.

Those wishing to donate cash and kind for renovation of the pagoda may dial 082-80118 of the Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee.

MMAL-Sai (Hsipaw) of Development Affairs Committees for the consumption and creek water for cultivation.

Chin State produces potatoes, chilli, onion, cabbage, cauliflowers and various vegetables in addition to perennial trees such as tea, coffee, grape, apple and orange.

The state has produced seasonal crops such as 25844 acres of farmlands, 1567 acres of croplands, 4576 acres of other cultivable lands, 11724 acres of horticultural lands, 189,351 acres of hilly croplands.

MMAL-Nay Sai (Chin Hill)
Mobile clinics

Myanmar has been running mobile clinics across the country so as to provide effective health care to its people. Under the supervision of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (MMCWA), regional health staff offers provide health services to people by making field trips to the villages.

This health care programme includes educative talks, medical treatment and providing assistance. These health staff members give educative talks on oral health, birth spacing and care for pregnant women.

The treatment programme covers health care for pregnant women, medical examination for the aged and eye patients, oral care for patients and other patients. It also includes the donation of medicines, iodated salt, foods, cash and other aids.

Since 2010, the mobile clinics have been run by MMCWA to provide health care to the people in the villages of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area monthly. It can be said that it is not only a philanthropic work but also a work that can offer effective health care to the people of rural areas.

Cooperation of other philanthropic organizations and associations with MMCWA could help promote health care services of rural people. Easy health access care with effective medical attention would help improve social status of rural people.

MMCWA President meets Indian, Japanese guests

Nay Pyi Taw, 31 Oct—A delegation led by President of Army Wives Welfare Association Mrs. Surjeet Kaur, wife of the Chief of the Army Staff of Indian Army, met with President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Mon Mon Aung and party yesterday morning.

MMCWA President Dr Mon Mon Aung extended greetings and explained the aims, formation, functions, development and protection of women and children.

The visiting Indian delegation presented 15 sewing machines to MMCWA. Similarly, President of Asia Maternal and Child Welfare Association (AMCWA) Mr. Yamaguchi Yoichi from Japan and party met the president and executive members of MMCWA. Secretary Daw Thazin Nwe explained measures for development and protection of women and children and the guests side discussed prospects for cooperating in the future.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint meets British Ambassador

Nay Pyi Taw, 31 Oct—Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint received British Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Andrew Patrick at a hall of Amyotha Hluttaw Building, here, this evening.

They held comprehensive discussions on Myanmar’s democratization and further cooperation between the two parliaments.

Also present at the call were Dr Myint Kyi, chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Worker Rights Protection Committee, and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

President U Thein Sein views products manufactured by state-and private-owned enterprises and JV factories at the exhibition.—MNA

President U Thein Sein attends rural ...

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The exhibition is meant to encourage people to apply the solar system, mini hydro and biomass gasification system in the areas which are suitable to be used for ensuring the development of rural energy and availability of electricity in respective regions and states.

It is required to encourage the industries while transforming the nation into an industrialized one for creating more jobs and generating per capita income. The exhibition will sell rural region electrification equipment and industrial products.

The exhibition will be held till 4 November and entertainment programs presented during the exhibition period. Products manufactured by state-and private-owned enterprises and joint venture factories are being displayed at the exhibition.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint receives British Ambassador to Myanmar

Mr. Andrew Patrick.—MNA

Visitors observe Hluttaw

Nay Pyi Taw, 31 Oct—303 members of Union Solidarity and Development Party from Waw and Yedashe Townships in Bago Region and the trainees, managers and staff of Thai Journalist Association (TJA) observed progress of 8th day eighth regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw today.

Mind your speed or else danger is nearby...

Not exceed 48 km/hr in downtown
Not exceed 100 km/hr on the highway

IV One Time GSM mobile Prepaid service for foreigners during 27th SEA Games

Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, will soon issue “One Time” GSM Prepaid SIM cards to the foreigners visiting Myanmar for 27th SEA Games.

One Time GSM Prepaid SIM card will be available for 20,000 kyats each by showing passports. Validity period of One Time GSM Prepaid SIM card is one month covering 15 minutes for national calls, maximum 19 minutes for international calls.

Local SMS service and mobile data service is also available. It is rechargeable with any GSM TopUp Cards during the validity period.

Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications
Peace process not end with ceasefire...

(from page 1) to achieve the possibilities available to us in our current political climate. The Political Prisoners Review Committee recently released 56 political prisoners with intention to further strengthen our efforts to achieve national unity. We have to do everything we can to make sure that no political prisoners remain in prisons. I also visited Rakhine State during October. I personally witnessed the riots in Thandwe during that trip. Such episodes show that there are still many challenges hampering our efforts to build an open society. The members of the society as a whole will need to work hand in hand with each other in order to resolve these challenges. I have instructed the local authorities to continue to endeavor in their efforts to enhance the bedrock of conflict resolution, namely tolerance of law and order and regional stability. I have also urged the social, religious and community leaders to work with each other in finding solutions through dialogue. I would also like to inform all of you that Myanmar has taken up the ASEAN Chairmanship on October 10 at the summit held in Brunei. This is the first time we have assumed the ASEAN Chairmanship in the past 17 years. The fact that we are able to assume the ASEAN Chairmanship indicates that both ASEAN and the international community have faith in the government and the future of our country. By assuming the ASEAN Chairmanship, we are taking an important duty and responsibility in the international community. At the same time, we are entrusted with this duty mainly because the progress in the political reform process has reached a respectable level. We will therefore be performing this duty on behalf of the entire nation. The duty of the ASEAN Chairmanship involves more than leading the association; we will have to take the lead in ASEAN’s cooperation with such world powers as the United States, Peoples’ Republic of China, India, Japan, the European Union and Russia. The year 2013 is ASEAN Chairmanship is an important year because we will have to undertake all the preparations needed for the inauguration of the ASEAN Community in 2015. While serving as the Chairman of ASEAN, we will be hosting the ASEAN Summit and other important meetings at Nay Pyi Taw where we will have to take the lead in discussing important international issues.

In the upcoming year, we will be doing everything necessary to make ASEAN become a powerful regional organization and to improve the relations between ASEAN and the rest of the international community. This is also an indication that Myanmar has adopted a new approach to the international community and international relations. Our current foreign policy priorities do not only concern protecting Myanmar’s national interests; we are also trying to become a responsible member of the family of nations.

To sum up my speech for this month, our society is going through an important period of political reform processes. These processes are full of challenges and we have to try to resolve them every step of the way. On the one hand we will have to resolve various types of problems and on the other hand we can already see concrete rays of hope for the future. I would therefore like to urge all of you to work together to make sure on the basis of such hopes and determinations that the political and other reform processes are viable. In conclusion, I would like to say that I have dedicated all of my efforts to achieve peace, improve the social and economic welfare of the people and create a better and brighter future for the younger generation.

May you all have peace of mind and good health.  

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23rd ASEAN

Nay Pyi Taw, 31 Oct — The second day events of the 23rd ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet took place at the designated shooting ranges in PyinOoLwin. The third day events continued this morning.

In the afternoon, a prize presentation ceremony for the second day events was held at the Tatmadaw shooting range. Lt-Col Soe Tun, chief of reference, presented prizes to the Philippines, Thai and Indonesian shooting teams who stood first, second and third in the Rifle event (1). Major Thongsamy, leader of Lao shooting team, awarded first and third prizes.

Price presentation ceremony for the second day events of 23rd ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet in progress...—MNA

Armies Rifle Meet goes on

Prize-winning Indonesian shooting teams and second prize-winning Thai team in pistol (women) event (1). Col Khiev Virac, leader of Cambodian shooting team, presented first, second and third prizes to Indonesian, Philippines and Thai shooting teams in cartridge (individual) event (1).—MNA

Pyin Oo Lwin

Then, officials distributed goodie bags to flood victims in Chaungkang Village. The Pyin Oo Lwin Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker inspected water erosion of Paunglaung river-crossing Bridge in Kyithaung Village.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct — Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyutha Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann met with flood victims in Sibingyi Village in Zeyathiri Township where he heard reports presented by the local people and attended to the needs yesterday evening.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann presented riceable, edible oil, clothes and purified drinking water and the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, relief items to them.

The signing ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Union Peace and Reconciliation, Lt-Col Soe Tun, chief of reference, and the participants. I am very happy to visit the country of Myanmar. It is a very beautiful country. I thought it would be difficult to visit Myanmar several years ago. But now, I am very delighted to visit Myanmar in Yangon, they visited places of interest and went to Pyapon, Bogale and Kyakhtal in Ayeyawady Region.

Moreover, they are planning to have a self-drive trip to tourist destinations in Myanmar.

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Price presentation ceremony for the second day events of 23rd ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet in progress...—MNA

European travelers tour Myanmar with antique cars...

(from page 16) The group also includes the Swiss and the Russians. They love these antique cars and come here to enjoy the feelings of driving their cars on the roads in Myanmar. We arranged this tour for them starting from Yangon Port to Bagan. They came here by air and carried their cars by carrier ship to the Yangon Port. She continued that this is not an easy task. And we have to face many difficulties as being a first experience. But we are ok, now thanks to the helps of officials from the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and Ministry of Home Affairs. The travelers are delighted with Government’s systematic arrangement for security and necessary assistances.

The main purpose of the tour is to share their experience of Myanmar’s natural beauties and traditions and customs. They also have arranged a tour with 17 cars in January next year. This tour includes different model cars manufactured in the periods from 1930 to 1971.

“Today’s journey is from Nay Pyi Taw to Pindaya. All vehicles are able to drive on the mountain paths. We have a flatbed truck and 18-foot tractor trailer to be used in case a vehicle breaks down. Moreover, two Belgian engineers and two doctors are accompanying us with an ambulance and three administrative vehicles. A route map and a handbook containing a detailed map of the routes, road signs and phone numbers will be used in time of emergency had already been distributed. We have tried our best for the success of the tour. First, we go to Inlay from Pindaya. Then we proceed to Bagan. Next, we travel to Mandalay and PyinOoLwin and Thence Mo- nywa. Our return trip is from Magway to Pyay and Yangon after passing through Bagan again. Payments for fuel and tollgate fees will be made by the participants. I am very happy to organize the tour,” she said.

All the participants in the tour are from Belgium and United Kingdom. It is a trip to visit beautiful places in Myanmar in the classic cars. The ministry will organize who is responsible for the maintenance of cars in the tour expressed his view on Myanmar.

“My car is a European-made Mazda built in 1960. It is a very rare car in the world. Many people thought it would be difficult to drive it. Myanmar is a very beautiful country. I am delighted to visit Myanmar. It is first time for me,” a Belgian tourist said. Tourists taking part in the tour arrived in Myanmar on 23 October and it is planned to continue their visit on 18 November. It is a group of European tourists who enjoy self-drive trips around the world in their nine classic cars. During their stay in Yangon, they visited places of interest and went to Pyapon, Bogale and Kyakhtal in Ayeyawady Region.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker meets flood victims in Sibingyi Village in Zeyathiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct — A ceremony to sign a JV agreement for establishment of Myanmar-Thilawa Development Co., Ltd was held at New Otai Hotel in Tokyo of Japan.

The Japan-Myanmar JV Company includes two companies: Thilawa Special Economic Zone Management Committee and Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings Public Co., Ltd and two from Japan: MMS Thilawa Development Co., Ltd and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

The signing ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Industry, Mr Kazuyoshi Akaba, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Industry, Mr Yoshihiko Isozaki, chairman and vice-chairmen from JETRO, JICA, NEIX and IBIC, heads of Japanese leading companies and officials.

Myanmar-Japan JV agreement for Thilawa SEZ inked

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Price presentation ceremony for the second day events of 23rd ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet in progress...—MNA
CANDIDATES SITTING FOR WRITING TEST FOR GATE POSTS OF UCSB IN HAKA EXAM CENTRE.

HAKA, 31 Oct—Member of Union Civil Services Board U Ngun Moung inspected writing test for 236 posts of gazetted officer for vacancies of nine ministries at No 1 Basic Education Exam centre of Chin State for UCSB.

In the past, candidates for the vacancy posts announced by Union Civil Services Board were allowed to sit for the writing examination in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw only.

In the democratization era, the board allows the candidates from remote areas who applied for the gate posts of the UCSB to sit for the writing exam in respective exam centres in regions and states.

Recently, 30 of 53 applicants took the writing exam for the vacant posts from nine ministries. Over 6000 candidates set for the exam across the nation.

As the State economy is booming, the State-owned and private-owned works need greater number of employees. Thus, the candidates are to study Myanmar, English and general knowledge for their jobs, said UCSB member U Ngun Moung. The writing exam lasts two days each.

Kyemon-Chin State IPRD

LOCAL NEWS

Indian Ambassador meets Hindu Buddhist orphans in Kyaukdaga

KYAUKDAGA, 31 Oct—Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Gautam Mukhopadhyaya met 90 Hindu orphans at the Hindu religious school of Thanantana Dhamma Yeiktha Temple on Dagon Shwemann Street in Kwnnaung ward of Kyaukdaga on 27 October.

The chairman of the board of trustees accepted Hindu religious books donated by the Ambassador.

In his address, the Ambassador urged the Hindu people to live together with Myanmar national races in amity and unity and to join hands with the local people in social, economic, education, health and religious affairs. He stressed the needs for local Hindu people to further strengthen relations between Myanmar and India.

The Ambassador met the chairman of board of trustees and Hindu people at Mahatma Gandhi Temple on Tharaphi Street in Zaypyai Ward of Kyaukdaga and cordially conversed with Hindu people.

Kyemon-Khin Ko (Kyaukdaga)

Agriculture

Palethwe paddy pollination, hybrid paddy production explained

LAUKKAI, 31 Oct—The pollination was held at Palethwe hybrid paddy seed production farm in Mansai Village of Laukkai Township in Kokang Self-Administered Zone on 24 October.

Executive U Myi Shauk Chan and members of Kokang Self-Administered Zone Leading Body, departmental personnel, INGOs and local people, totaling 82 attended the ceremony.

The ceremony to clarify production quality of hybrid paddy seeds took place at the hall of Narli alternative development cultivation farm of Agriculture Department.

Executive U Myi Shauk Chan and Leading Body member U Aung Kyi Thein made speeches.

Kyemon-Township IPRD

Security Measures

Knowledge about security measures shared

YANGON, 31 Oct—Insein Township General Administration Department and Township Police Force jointly organized the security measures course for hotels, lodging, restaurants and department stores from Insein Township on 28 October.

Deputy Township Administrator U Kyaw Soe explained the security measures.

Kyemon-Myint Oo (Insein)

Low-priced SIM cards allotted to Hsipaw Township

HSIPAW, 31 Oct—Hsipaw Township got 500 low-priced SIM cards worth K 1500 each on its quota for October.

Of them, 100 cards were distributed to service personnel and 400 cards to people of 11 wards and seven villages. The department concerned invited the applications for the SIM cards.

On 26 October, officials sold the SIM cards to the local people through draw lots system at the hall of Hsipaw Township General Administration Department.

Kyemon-Hsipaw Ko Latt

National Sports

No 44 LID Commander’s Shield Football Tourney kicks off

KYAUKTPO, 31 Oct—The No 44 Light Infantry Division Commander’s Shield Football Tournament was kicked off by the people’s sports ground in Kyauktio on 29 October.

Commander of No 44 LID Brig-Gen Khin Maung Than made a speech.

In the debut, the camp commandant’s team of the LID beat No 2 Infantry Regiment 3-1.

Among the spectators were wife of the commandant, senior military officers, commanding officers and their wives, servicemen, the Township Administrator and party, the commander of Township Police Force and members, departmental guests and people.

Kyemon-Maung Maung Nyein Chan

Officials view samples of hybrid paddy seeds at seeds farm in Laukkai.

Head of District Agriculture Department U Sai Than Aung explained production of hybrid paddy seeds production, and plan to extend the production tasks.

Later, they viewed samples of Palethwe paddy and other paddy seeds and inputs used in paddy seeds production displayed at the hall.

Kyemon-Township IPRD

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**Gov’t to commend Chinese student for rescuing drowning boy**

**Tokyo, 31 Oct —** The government is considering presenting a Chinese student with a letter of commendation for his bravery in rescuing a boy from a river swollen by a typhoon in Osaka in September, an aide to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Thursday.

Abe is expected to in-vite Yan Jun to the prime minister’s office in No-vember and hand the letter to him, the aide said.

The move is apparently aimed at improving Japan-China relations strained by a dispute over a group of islands in the East China Sea. On 16 September, Yan was jogging when he found a 9-year-old boy strug-gling in the Yodo River and jumped in to save him. Overwhelmed by the fierce current, he retreated to the riverbank, ran 350 meters downstream before diving in again and pulling the boy ashore.

He received similar let-ters of appreciation from Osaka Mayor Toru Hashimoto and prefectural police. In October, the gov-ernment sent a letter of ap-preciation from Abe to the family of Natsue Murata, 40, who was fatally hit by a train while rescuing an elderly man at a railway crossing in Yokohama, southwest of Tokyo.

**Kyodo News**

**Cambodia opposition seeks talks with ruling party over row**

**Phnom Penh, 31 Oct —** Cambodian long-time opposition leader Sam Rainsy on Thursday called for dia-logues with the Prime Min-ister Hun Sen’s ruling party over political conflict after the hotly-contested July’s election.

The Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) would like to re-affirm its will to reach a political settlement leader Sam Rainsy reiterated on Thursday that the current government is “illegiti-mate” since it was formed in a violation of the constitu-tion.

“We will continue to boycott the parliament unless the poll irregularities are resolved,” he said.

However, Hun Sen has defended that his govern-ment is “legitimate” since the national king Norodom Sihamoni had already given endorsement.

Hun Sen, 61, who has been in power for 28 years, has vowed to rule the coun-try until he is 74.

**Xinhua**

**Vietnamese online shoppers on rise**

**Hanoi, 31 Oct —** Eighteen million Viet-namese out of its total 34 million netizens or thirty-six percent of Vietnam’s population shop online, according to the Vietnam E-commerce and Informa-tion Technology Agency (VECITA) on Wednesday.

In its latest report, the agency said if each online shopper spends some 30 US dollars per year to pur-chase goods from online stores, the Vietnamese e-commerce market would be evaluated at 550 million US dollars.

The VECITA report has the lowest estimate, compared to 2.77 billion US dollars by the research firm Visa, or 2.2 billion US dollars by VC Corporation, who supposed each online shopper spends about 150 US dollars per year.

The agency also in-dicates that 81 percent of Vietnamese Internet users go online on a daily basis, with a total online time of 5.6 hours per day and 6.4 days per week.

This means these users spend as many as 36 hours per week in the virtual world.

Vietnamese citizens spend more time on the In-ternet than other traditional means of media, according to the report.

The time locals spend watching television is only 5.2 days per week, or 14 hours per week.

**Xinhua**

**Light plane makes emergency landing in N Philippines**

**Manila, 31 Oct —** A light airplane with two peo-ple on board made an emer-gency landing in northern Philippine province of Pampanga on Wednesday due to low oil pressure, the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) said.

According to Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) Deputy Director General John Andrews, a Cessna 152 flight training plane encountered low oil pres-sure and its pilot, Capt. Eliseo de Luna with First Officer Christopher Logro declared at 8:21 am local time that it would make a forced landing over lahar trail.

“Latest report on the ground said that the aircraft is intact with the two occu-pants being assisted by peo-ple near the venue,” he said.

The aircraft was owned by Omni Aviation Corpora-tion, a Fixed Base Opera-tor and Aviation Training School located in Clark Free Port Zone in Pam-panga.

Andrews said that the CAAP has dispatched its investigators to the scene to determine the cause of the accident.

**Xinhua**

**An electrician inspects transmission lines in Jinhua, east China’s Zhejiang Prov-ince, on 30 Oct, 2013. The Xiluodu-Jinhua 800kV kilovolt HVDC (High-voltage Direct Current) Transmission Project will be completed on Thursday. The project, 1680 kilometres in length, starts from the left bank of Xiluodu Hydropower Station of southwest China’s Sichuan Province and ends in Jinhua. After completion, the project is expected to transmit 40 billion Kwh clean hydropower to Zhejiang every year, equivalent to the energy of 12.28 million tons coal.**

**Xinhua**

**5.5-magnitude quake hits northeast China**

**Bruno, 31 Oct — A 5.5-magnitude quake jolted Songyan county in north-east China’s Jilin Province at 11:03 am on Thursday Beijing Time, according to the China Earthquake Net-works Centre.**

The epicentre, with a depth of eight kilometres, was determined to be at 44.6 degrees north latitude and 124.2 degrees east lon-gitude, the centre said.

**Xinhua**

**Japanese rescue worker receives表彰 for saving boy’s life**

An of the Stand-ard Committee of the National People’s Congress, chairs the first plenary session of the 11th executive committee of the All-China Women’s Federation in Beijing, capital of China, on 30 Oct, 2013. Shen was elected president of the federation on Wednesday.

**Xinhua**

**Indian Prime Minister Mamnoon Singh (R) shakes hands with India’s main opposition Bhаратия Janata Party (BJP) prime ministerial candidate Narendra Modi (L) at the Ahmedabad Airport before Mamnoon Singh leaves for Delhi after the inauguration of the renovated memorial of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, one of the founding fathers of the Indian Republic, in Ahmadabad, India, on 29 Oct, 2013.** —Xinhua
Andean nations launch joint programme to combat drugs

LIMA, 31 Oct — Andean Community of Nations (CAN) members have launched a programme aimed at reducing drug demand in the region, a Peruvian official said here on Tuesday.

The project named “Support for the Reduction in the Demand for Drugs in Andean Countries,” is expected to last four and a half years, said Carmen Masias, head of Peru’s National Commission for the Development and Life Without Drugs. EU countries are backing the programme with a financial contribution of 6.5 million euros (about 8.9 million US dollars), and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) will be in charge of follow-up efforts, Masias added.

American visitors in Cuba double in 2012

HAVANA, 31 Oct — The number of Americans travelling to Cuba doubled in 2012 despite trade embargo restrictions, figures from Cuba’s National Statistics Bureau show.

The figures showed that more than 98,000 Americans travelled to Cuba in 2012, making the United States the sixth largest travel market for the country, a steady increase since 2007 when 40,521 Americans travelled to Cuba, according to recent media reports.

Cuba’s Ministry of Tourism said that had the embargo not imposed by Washington in 1962, more American tourists would have visited Cuba.

Adela Mejias, director of international relations with Cuba’s Ministry of Tourism, was quoted by daily newspaper Joven Rebelde as saying that while more Americans are visiting Cuba, the island remains for them a “banned and distant destination despite its proximity.”

In January 2011, US President Barack Obama signed a decree that eased travel restrictions on Cuba. The United States also lifted restrictions that prevented Cuban Americans from visiting their families. Cuba meanwhile relaxed travel restrictions on its citizens to go abroad.

Cuba’s new immigration law early this year made it unnecessary for Cubans to get an exit visa to travel abroad. The US authorities as of August granted Cubans visas valid for five years, not just six months.

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fortune favours the bold
Springsteen to play for first time in South Africa

LONDON, 31 Oct—Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band are to play their first ever concerts in South Africa, nearly 30 years after his guitarist Steve Van Zandt led a campaign by rock musicians in protest against apartheid.

Shows are scheduled for Cape Town on 28 January and 29 and Johannesburg on 1 February next year, according to Springsteen’s website.

They form part of the “Wrecking Ball” tour which has seen the veteran rocker trek across the United States, Europe and Latin America in the past 18 months.

They will head for Australia and New Zealand after South Africa.

Van Zandt founded the movement Artists United Against Apartheid in 1985 and along with Springsteen, Bob Dylan and a host of other stars recorded “Sun City” — a protest against the gambling resort in the nominally independent homeland of Bophuthatswana, which paid huge sums to less politically conscious acts to perform there. Apartheid ended with the election of Nelson Mandela as president in 1994.

Nicole Kidman on being Mrs Tom Cruise and why Brad, Angelina would understand

NEW DELHI, 31 Oct—Hollywood actress Nicole Kidman has told American magazine Vanity Fair that “with no disrespect to what I had with Tom (Cruise), I’ve met my great love now.” She spoke of the extreme fame and adulation that came with being Mrs Tom Cruise saying “There is something about that sort of existence that, if you really focus on each other and you’re in that bubble, it’s very intoxicating, because it’s just the two of you,” adding that “Brad and Angelina have that.”

Nicole, who was 23 when she married Tom, offers youth as a reason why the relationship didn’t work. “I was so young,” she tells Vanity Fair, “I was a child, really, when I got married. And I needed to grow up.”

Nicole also spoke about shooting author Virginia Woolf’s suicide scene in The Hours (2002), in the aftermath of her divorce, and walking into a river with her pockets weighed down by stones over and over again. “I chose life,” she says.

Nicole married country singer Keith Urban in 2006 and now lives in Nashville with their two daughters. She describes their marriage as “very, very peaceful,” and says they are “incredibly connected as a family.” Now, she says, she’s always surprised to be recognised.—PTI

Nicole broke her 12-year silence on her high profile marriage to Tom Cruise.

George Clooney dating Julian Assange’s lawyer?

LOS ANGELES, 31 Oct—Superstar George Clooney is being linked to British lawyer Amal Alamuddin after they were spotted enjoying dinner together.

The 52-year-old actor, who broke up with wrestling ace Stacy Keibler earlier this year, was seen leaving an eatery in London with Alamuddin recently, reported E!Online.

Amal is a lawyer who specializes in international law, human rights, extradition and criminal law and according to reports she is currently representing WikiLeaks’ founder Julian Assange in his extradition proceedings with Sweden.

‘Stinky Daddy’ Brad Pitt goes green, bans soap

LONDON, 31 Oct—Actor Brad Pitt is so concerned about the environment that he has reportedly stopped using soap because of the toxins used in it.

The 49-year-old prefers to use a combination of lemon, water and apple cider vinegar instead.

“Brad says he’s read up on the toxins of soap—especially the antibacterial ones—and that using them and antiperspirants is not only bad for the planet, but it also speeds up the ageing process in humans,” femalefirst.co.uk quoted a source as saying.

However, Pitt’s children Maddox, 12, Pax, nine, Zahara, eight, Shiloh, seven and five-year-old twins Knox and Vivienne and fiancée Angelina Jolie are not in favour of his new habit.

“Angelina was revolted—and their kids even started calling him ‘Stinky Daddy’,” Angie agreed to humour him only as long as they weren’t on the same continent,” the source added.—PTI

‘Ender’s Game’ explores complexity of youth, isolation and warfare

LOS ANGELES, 31 Oct—Based on a story written three decades ago and set in a future dystopian Earth where children are manipulated into fighting an enemy race, the film “Ender’s Game” could make its young adult and family audience ponder what ails them and antiperspirants is not only bad for the planet, but it also speeds up the ageing process in humans.

Out in theaters on Friday, “Ender’s Game” follows the journey of young boy Ender Wiggin, played by Asa Butterfield, who is singled out from childhood for his superior intellect and put through advanced warfare training.

Ender is isolated from his comrades and manipulated into commanding war against a hostile alien race by Colonel Graff, played by Harrison Ford. In doing so, Ender begins to garner a fascination and connection to the alien enemy known as Formics. “It’s about young people being asked to accept huge responsibilities, being trained for warfare because it’s proposed that they have this capacity to absorb information more quickly than older people,” Ford told Reuters.

Based on Orson Scott Card’s novel of the same name published in 1985, “Ender’s Game” is the first in a series of books, short stories and comics by the author, all part of the so-called “Enderverse,” which may form the basis of a multipart film franchise for movie studios Lions Gate.

The film, which also stars Viola Davis, Ben Kingsley and Oscar-nominated rising star Hailee Steinfeld, features prominent themes of the emotional impact of warfare on young people who have been manipulated from childhood through propaganda to develop a hatred for the enemy, an alien race.

Ender’s warfare training comes from videogames and large-scale computer simulations, displayed with striking special effects in the film.

Cast members Asa Butterfield (L-R), Hailee Steinfeld, Harrison Ford and Viola Davis pose at the premiere of “Ender’s Game” at the TCL Chinese theatre in Hollywood, California on 28 Oct, 2013.—Reuters
Arsenal, Liverpool relish test of title claims

LONDON, 31 Oct — The title credentials of leaders Arsenal and third-placed Liverpool will come under scrutiny when they meet in a heavyweight Premier League clash on Saturday. Arsenal, top of the table with 22 points, have only lost one league match this season, against Aston Villa, but have been beaten by Borussia Dortmund in the Champions League and Chelsea in the League Cup in the past two weeks. The visit of Liverpool (1730GMT), on 20 points, is only the second time they have met a team with realistic top-four ambitions following a win over local rivals Tottenham Hotspur.

Manager Arsene Wenger fielded a weakened side against Chelsea and he said it was important not to read too much into recent results. “Let’s not jump too quickly to conclusions because if you take the points we have made since the first of January, we have made more than anyone else,” he told reporters after the 2-0 home loss to Chelsea. “I believe that a longer distance reveals more about the quality of a team than the last few games. It is difficult to swallow that happened to us in the last week, but the mistakes are not so big that it cannot be corrected.”

The acknowledgement, however, that it was vital to get back on track against Liverpool, for whom Luis Suarez and Daniel Sturridge scored all the goals in last week’s 4-1 thrashing of West Brom, especially with tough games against champions Manchester United and surprise packages Southampton to follow.

“It’s a difficult (run), but that’s part of the season. We know the games,” Wenger said. “We have to respond well against Liverpool. We are in a strong position in the league and have a good opportunity at home, and we have to turn this round. Away from home we are very strong.”

Raptors down Celtics to snap opening night drought

Toronto Raptors forward Tyler Hansbrough (50) tries to take the ball away from Boston Celtics forward Kelly Olynyk (41) as guard Courtney Lee (11) looks on at the Air Canada Centre. Toronto defeated Boston 93-87.

TORONTO, 31 Oct — The Toronto Raptors finally sent an opening night crowd home with a smile and a win when they held off the Boston Celtics 93-87 to raise the curtain on a new National Basketball Association season on Wednesday. Rudy Gay had 19 points and pulled down eight rebounds to pace the Raptors while Amir Johnson and DeMar DeRozan each chipped in with 13 as Toronto ended a run of three straight home opening losses.

“I think the team is coming off a whole week without playing,” Gay said. “So I think we were a little rusty at the beginning. We shook the rust off and came back.”

The loss was the first of what is expected to be many for the Celtics after they dismantled their team in the wake last year’s first round playoff exit by trading away Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce — the last two members of the Big Three who had led them to two NBA finals and one title.

The Celtics fielded a lineup of unfamiliar names and Jeff Green led the scoring with a game high 25 points, while Brandon Bass added 17 and Brazilian center Vitor Faverani 13. “We had some sloppy moments but a lot of them were out of effort,” said Celtics first-year coach Brad Stevens. “A lot of them while we were flying down the court at two levels too fast and we made a few errors.” “But you know you can live with a few errors like that, you can live with errors when you are playing hard,” Celtics center Joakim Noah said. “Anybody can make a mistake and not be tested in the same way Raptors fans have since the last time the franchise made the playoffs in 2008.

Coach Rivers gives Clippers a championship pedigree

LOS ANGELES, 31 Oct — Widely viewed as the best team in the West, the Los Angeles Clippers harbored realistic hopes of winning their first NBA title this season with the championship pedigree of coach Doc Rivers now at the helm. Acquired from the Boston Celtics in June in exchange for a future draft pick, Rivers has already made a big impression on the Clippers players since his arrival in Los Angeles, urging his new team to play with both freedom and responsibility.

Rivers certainly speaks with authority as one of only four active coaches to win an NBA title and J.J. Redick, who scored 13 points in the Clippers’ surprising 116-103 loss to the Lakers in Tuesday’s season opener, is already impressed. “He has been as good, if not better, than expected and I had high expectations,” shooting guard Redick, who joined the Clippers in July from the Milwaukee Bucks in a three-team deal, told Reuters about Rivers. “He’s the reason I wanted to come here. I heard they had a team around the league that have played for him and they all speak very highly of him.”

Boston celebrates as World Series joy hits home

BOSTON, 31 Oct — Even with the finish line in sight, Boston took one last deep breath on Wednesday night. The Red Sox were just one out from clinching the World Series with a seemingly insurmountable 6-1 lead but a history of heartbreak had taught Bostonians to take things for granted in baseball. They need not have worried. The unmistakable thud of the ball pounding into the glove was all it took for 95 years of anguish to disappear and trigger one of the wildest parties seen in New England.

“I knew this was going to be a special year,” said Boston slugger David Ortiz, the outstanding player of a best-of-seven series won 4-2 by the Red Sox. “When we started rolling, nobody ever stopped the train.”

The St. Louis Cardinals second baseman Matt Carpenter was the last man standing between the Red Sox and the championship but when he swung and missed at a fastball from Boston closing pitcher Koji Uehara that catcher Davis Ross caught, it was over.

Federer seals record-tying 12th Tour Finals spot

Roger Federer

PARIS, 31 Oct — Roger Federer booked his place in the ATP World Tour Finals for a record-tying 12th consecutive year when he dismissed South African Kevin Anderson 6-4, 6-4 to reach the third round of the Paris Masters on Wednesday. The win meant former world number one Federer, who started the week seventh in the ATP Race to the Finals, made sure of finishing in the top nine. That is enough to earn him a spot in the Finals as Wimbledon champion Andy Murray is out with a back problem.

Top seed Rafa Nadal also progressed to the third round in the French capital with a 7-5, 7-5 triumph over fellow Spaniard Marcel Granollers. By qualifying for the event every year since 2002, Federer equaled Ivan Lendl’s mark for the most successive appearances at the season-ending event. “It’s one of the highlights for all the players, all the top 10, top 20 talk about that from the beginning of the year or during the off-season,” the Swiss told a news conference. “Being amongst the very best is very enjoyable. Also it’s one of the tournaments where I haven’t had the greatest success.”

Two more places are still available for next week’s showdown in London and Federer’s compatriot Stanislas Wawrinka stayed on course to snatch one of them by beating Spain’s Feliciano Lopez 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. Wawrinka, Frenchman Richard Gasquet and Canadian Milos Raonic, who beat Dutchman Robin Haase 6-3, 6-4, are the last three candidates for a spot at the Finals.

Armed, Liverpool relish test of title claims

Liverpool but at home you know it’s important and vital to win the big games.

Doc Rivers, 51, the Los Angeles Clippers owner and vice president of basketball operations, speaks at a news conference at the Clippers’ training facility in Playa Vista, California on 26 June, 2013. — Reuters

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Doc Rivers, 51, the Los Angeles Clippers’ new head coach and senior vice president of basketball operations, speaks at a news conference at the Clippers’ training facility in Playa Vista, California on 26 June, 2013. — Reuters

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Ford

Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Jake Peavy celebrates on the field after game six of the MLB baseball World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals at Fenway Park. The Red Sox won 6-1 to win the series four games to two.

Reuters
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**Drug, alcohol use in transport risk to New Zealand reputation**

Wellington, 31 Oct—Accident investigation officials on Thursday called for significant changes to New Zealand’s drug and alcohol testing laws after finding that the pilot of a hot-air balloon that crashed killing all 11 people aboard last year had probably been using cannabis. The crash, which occurred when the balloon caught fire after hitting power lines, was one of a series of fatal transport accidents involving drug or alcohol use that risked affecting New Zealand’s reputation, said Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) chief commissioner John Marshall.

Releasing the TAIC report on the balloon crash near Carterton, in the lower North Island, Marshall said the commission had found it was caused by errors of judgment by the pilot, who was highly likely to have smoked cannabis just prior to the early morning flight on 7 January. The TAIC called for legislation or rules across the aviation, rail and marine sectors—including recreational boating—that set maximum limits for alcohol, required random testing of operators and prohibited people operating aircraft, vessels or rail vehicles if they were substance impaired. “It is totally unacceptable for anyone in a safety-critical transport role, such as a pilot, to be working while impaired by a substance, whether legal or not,” Marshall said in a statement. The commission acknowledged new regulation of the adventure aviation sector brought in since the accident, which required operators to establish a drug and alcohol programme for monitoring and managing the associated risks, which “should give increased confidence in the adventure aviation industry and help reduce the risk of a recurrence.” The commission has investigated six occurrences in the last 10 years where persons operating aircraft, vessels or rail vehicles, or where persons performing functions directly relevant to the safe operation of these, have tested positive for performance-imparing substances.—Xinhua

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**Huawei named premium sponsor and mobile partner of AC Milan**

Milan, 31 Oct—China’s biggest information and communication technology (ICT) firm Huawei and AC Milan on Wednesday signed a sponsorship agreement that named Huawei Premium Sponsor and Mobile Partner of AC Milan. Huawei and AC Milan representatives said at a Press conference held inside the football club headquarters in Milan that with the signing of the agreement, Huawei became the official Mobile Partner of the AC Milan team and, in recognition of the technological excellence of its products, supplier of communications solutions for the football club.

The sponsorship was aimed at creating synergy between the two brands and included the use of AC Milan’s logo and player images for Huawei’s communications and promotion activities, they said. “It is a great honour for AC Milan to be chosen by a global giant like Huawei to implement its development and market strategies,” Adriano Galliani, Deputy Chairman and Managing Director of AC Milan, highlighted. “We have signed a three-year agreement that will allow us to jointly plan and develop a number of business and consumer activities,” he said adding that the agreement with Huawei will offer “great business opportunities in the Chinese market.”

George Zhao, CEO of Huawei Italy, said that after the great success of 2011 Super Cup sponsorship in Beijing, Huawei was “excited to continue the partnership with AC Milan, a recognized football leader that perfectly matches the goal of building Huawei’s leadership within the consumer market.”

“AC Milan’s popularity in China opens up great opportunities for collaboration in the near future,” he added. After starting as telecommunications technologies and equipment supplier, Huawei has gradually moved into the consumer world with a wide range of mobile devices and connectivity products.”

This sponsorship is a great opportunity to bring our brand and our products to a wider consumer audience, not only in the Italian and European markets but also on a global level,” Daniele De Grandis, Executive Director of Huawei Italy, noted. “We are proud to link our brand to AC Milan, a team with an outstanding performance record that represents our high-tech and high-performance products, such as our latest smartphone the HUA-WEI Ascend P6,” he also said. Franco Baresi and Daniele Massaro, former players and official ambassadors of AC Milan, also attended the signing.

“We are in the East that the greatest part of our supporters are, and we hope that AC Milan will have the opportunity to play more and more matches in China,” Massaro told reporters. —Xinhua

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"China-Arab Axis", east-west through the Yinchuan Yue Huan CBD, extends 2,100 meters long and 90 meters wide. Its main part has taken shape since the project started on March 2012. To welcome the upcoming China-Arab States Expo, “China-Arab Axis” will be completed in early September 2013.—Xinhua
President U Thein Sein felicitates President, PM of Algeria

NAVPYI TAW, 1 Nov—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria and His Excellency Mr. Abdelmalek Sellal, Prime Minister of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, on the occasion of the anniversary of the National Day of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, which falls on 1 November 2013.—MNA

Union FM sends felicitations to Algerian counterpart

NAVPYI TAW, 1 Nov—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Ramtane Lamamra, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, on the occasion of the anniversary of the National Day of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, which falls on 1 November 2013.—MNA

Congo army says hunting rebels deep into mountain bases

GOMA (Democratic Republic of Congo), 31 Oct—Congo’s army said on Thursday it was hunting rebels deep into forests and mountains along the border with Rwanda and Uganda, the last insurgent hideouts after they were driven from towns they held during a 20-month rebellion.

Ugandan mediators said talks had restarted on Wednesday in Kampala between the government and M23 rebels, but Kinshasa’s UN-backed army appears on the verge of defeating the most serious uprising to plague the mineral-rich east since the end of the last major war a decade ago.

“We are going to pursue M23 and push them into a corner, wherever they hide, because they are criminals,” Congo army spokesman Colonel Olivier Hamuli told Reuters.

“We must not leave them time (to reorganize) because they have martyred the Congolese people for too long. Now is the time to bring peace,” Hamuli said. M23 officials said they withdrew from towns under government pressure last week. Bertrand Bisimwa, M23’s political leader, told French radio RFI that the military losses would not alter their demands in talks. Clashes were reported in the hills above Bunagana, the last rebel-controlled town to fall this week, and around Ruyoni, a hill that was the birthplace of the rebellion last year.

At their peak last November, M23 occupied the regional capital, Goma, after the army fled and rebels marched past peacekeepers. This defeat led to the U.N. force and mandate being bolstered, an overhaul of Congo’s army command and pressure on rebel support, changing the tide of the fighting.—Reuters

KEDCF’s US$ 155.877 million soft loan to be used in implementation of projects

NAVPYI TAW, 31 Oct—Infrastructural development in telecommunication sector calls for investments and not only state budget and foreign investments but also loans are needed to be spent on this sector. It is a soft loan and no fixed price has been set for the purchase of devices, Deputy Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Thaung Tin told at today’s Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session while explaining the President’s message on the implementation of projects with the use of a US$ 155.877 million soft loan from the Korean Economic Development Cooperation Fund of the Republic of Korea.

He continued that the US$ 55.874 million will be used in setting up of more towers, installation of underground fibre lines for transmission and devices for telecommunication network and expansion of micro-wave link.

Regarding the matter, Union Minister for Electrical Power U Khin Maung Soe told the Hluttaw that the loan will be spent on implementation of the project of 500 KV Toungoo-Kamanat power line (117) that will help prevent voltage reduction of the national power grid and power outage in the country and enjoy stability in electrical system.

According to the agreement, the pay-back period is 25 years, and a grace period is 15 years. The loan carries an interest rate of 0.01 per cent per year. Interest can be paid every six months. In addition the loan can be paid back twice per year when the grace period is over. The service fee is 0.01 per cent of the loan. The interest rate of 2 per cent per year will be calculated to the original interest rate for the late settlement of the loan.

Next, Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein and Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Myint Thein made clarifications on the implementation of deep sea port projects including Kyaukpyu and Dawei deep sea ports.

Then, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Dawk Khin San Yi gave an account of aid and assistance provided by international organizations from 1 April 2011, the date of the assumption of the office by the Union government, to 30 October 2013. After discussing the held discussions on held on Union Additional Budget Bill for 2013-2014 fiscal year. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker declared that the approval of the Hluttaw will be sought on the ninth-day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.—MNA

Women and peace building workshop held

NAVPYI TAW, 31 Oct—A women and peace building workshop took place at the meeting hall of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation (MWAFF) here this morning, attended by Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin. The talks mainly focused on peace and social security Myanmar women, protection of women and girls from violence due to regional conflicts, implementation of UN Security Council’s resolution No.1325 and severe action taken against those who commit all forms of violence against under-age girls.

MWAFF Chairperson Daw Mya Mya and UN Resident Coordinator Dr Ashok Nigam extended greetings on the occasion. In her address, Daw Mya Mya said, “We must not leave them time (to reorganize) because they have martyred the Congolese people for too long. Now is the time to bring peace,” Hamuli said. M23 officials said they withdrew from towns under government pressure last week. Bertrand Bisimwa, M23’s political leader, told French radio RFI that the military losses would not alter their demands in talks. Clashes were reported in the hills above Bunagana, the last rebel-controlled town to fall this week, and around Ruyoni, a hill that was the birthplace of the rebellion last year.

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