Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends opening of Rural Electrification Equipment and Industrial Products Exhibition 2013

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits booths at Rural Electrification Equipment and Industrial Products Exhibition 2013 at MICC.—MNA

With a surge in the number of tourists visiting Myanmar, tourists coming through the gate of Yangon International Airport had reached 49,260 in August of this year alone.

Yangon International Airport sees a hike in tourist arrivals

Yangon International Airport saw 879 flights carrying 26,325 foreign visitors with tourist visas and 22935 with other visas in August. But there has been a drop in tourist arrivals in the rainy season.

A total of 43,331 tourists arrived at Yangon International Airport in April, 46067 in May, 45629 in June and 50165 in July.

During the peak tourist season from November to March, influx of tourists to Myanmar is more than other months.

As there has been a gradual increase in the number of tourists flocking to Myanmar, it is expected to see more tourists this year, surpassing the tourist arrivals in the previous year.

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Transport

Golden Myanmar Airlines to expand domestic and international routes

YANGON, 2 Nov—It is only 40 days countdown for hosting 27th SEA Games in Myanmar. As it is open season, there can be seen many travelers across the country. Along with increased arrival of visitors, transportation sector became crucial role. The vehicle owners have imported international standard cars for convenience of local travelers and foreigners. It was learnt that various airlines expanded domestic routes at reasonable price.

Golden Myanmar Airlines will expand domestic and international routes with Air Bus planes starting from this November.

Golden Myanmar Airlines was established in 2012 and was operating its flight routes with Air Bus-320 conveniently, offering cheap fares to passengers.

The airlines operated Yangon-Mandalay-Singapore-Bangkok routes daily with XY-AGS A-320 Air Bus starting from January this year. The new XY-AGT A-320 Air Bus arrived on 16 October this year to ply the new destinations as of 15 November with cheap fares. The airline will launch Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw route from Monday to Friday and offers promotions to the passengers within 15 to 30 November.—Kyemon

Outstanding students to visit Japan

YANGON, 2 Nov—Ayeyawady Region government has arranged study tour to Japan for outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination-2013 with flying colours. Every Ayeyawady-born outstanding student was awarded one gold ticket in the first term of the government. In the second term, the government presented outstanding ones gold and arranged trip abroad for them.

ACE Company sponsors this year’s study tour. It comprises five ACE company staff, 12 students—six six-distinction winners, two six-distinction winners from Myaungmya and Inagu, one five-distinction winners and two four-distinction winners and one three-distinction winners—and two teachers.—Kyemon-Htet Khaing (Sangyoung)

Friendly Myanmar show staged

YANGON, 2 Nov—“Friendly Myanmar”, which is a title of Japan-Myanmar friendship traditional costumes show was staged at community plaza of Setsuu in Osaka, Japan to make Myanmar know among Japanese people with the attendance of people from both countries and media men from Japan.

Main sponsor Mr and Mrs SUGIMOTO and responsible person from Myanmar Embassy in Japan delivered opening address. Mr SUGIMOTO said, “It is mainly aimed at introducing Myanmar culture to Japan without political

HRD

Special talks for child held in Kawthoung

KAWTHOUNG, 2 Nov—A special talks for the child was held in the precinct of Sasana Beikman at Pyidawaye Pagoda, here, on 31 October.

Salon missionary Gyalangyun Sayadaw of parents and teachers to be clever and polite Buddhist.—Kyemon-Kyaw

School snack shops given educative talks

YANGON 2 Nov—The Consumer Protection Association of Myanmar checked school snack shops and gave educative talks to them in Mayangon and Insein Townships, here, on 30 October.

The association also stuck educative stickers on the shops.

Candle fire destroys house in North Okkalapa Township

YANGON, 2 Nov—A fire burned down a house on Thunanda circular road in Waibargi Myothit, North Okkalapa Township yesterday morning.

The candle fire started at the house of Daw Tin Aye. Officials from Yangon East District/township Police Forces and Township Fire Services Department rushed to the scene. The fire was under control in ten minutes.

Waibargi Police Station filed a lawsuit against house owner Daw Tin Aye in connection with the case.—Kyemon-Soe Win MLA
US wants ‘inclusive’ Iraq: Obama

WASHINGTON, 2 Nov — President Barack Obama pressed Iraq’s Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki on Friday to build a more inclusive democracy in his country and said the United States would cooperate with Iraq as it tries to push back a re-surgent al-Qaeda.

Iraq experiences a rising spiral of sectarian violence two years after US troops departed following eight years of war, Maliki said it was clearly "a threat to the entire region and to the United States," Obama said.

A statement issued by the two governments said both delegations agreed that Iraqi forces urgently needed additional equip-

ment to conduct operations in remote areas where mili-
tant camps are located. But it did not specifically cite
military aid. "We had a lot of dis-

cussion about how we can work together to push back against that terrorist orga-
nization that operates not only in Iraq but also poses a threat to the entire region and to the United States," Obama said.

He focused most of his remarks on the need for Iraq to take more steps toward an inclusive democ-
racy, such as by approving an election law and holding free and fair elections next year, "so people can resolve differences through politics instead of violence." Maliki is seeking in-

creased military aid such as the Apache helicopters to suppress sectarian vio-

lence, but faces opposition on that front from some US lawmakers.

Six influential senators on Thursday took a hard line against Maliki, saying his mismanagement of Iraqi politics was contributing to the surge of violence in which 7,000 civilians have been killed this year.

Tokyo, 2 Nov — Japan and Russia agreed to cooperate over Asian security

JAPAN, 2 Nov — Japan and Russia agreed at a ministerial meeting on Sat-

urday to expand joint exer-
cises between their defence forces and advance their cooperation in multilateral consultative frameworks covering security affairs in the Asia-Pacific region.

Japanese Foreign Min-

ister Fumio Kishida and Defence Minister Isunom Onodera and their Russian counterparts Sergey Lavrov and Sergei Shoigu reached the agreements during a "two-plus-two" meeting on security held in Tokyo, the first such meeting between the two countries.

The meeting was aimed at building confidence be-

between Japan and Russia as Tokyo seeks to make progress in negotiations to resolve a long-running territorial dispute that has prevented the two countries from signing a post-World War II peace treaty.

The ministers are also believed to have compared notes on issues relating to

German, Brazilian UN draft urges halt to excessive spying

SANTIAGO, 2 Nov — Germany and Brazil circu-
lated a draft resolution to a UN General Assembly committee on Friday that calls for an end to excessive electronic surveillance, data collection and other gross invasions of privacy.

The draft resolution, which both Germany and Brazil made public, does not name any specific coun-
tries, although UN diplo-
mats said it was clearly aimed at the United States, which has been embar-
rassed by revelations of a massive international surve-

illance program from a former US contractor.

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Brazilian UN draft would have the 193-nation assembly declare that it is “deeply concerned at human rights violations and abuses that may result from the con-

duct of any surveillance of communications, including extraterritorial surveillance of communications.”

It would also call on UN member states “to take measures to put an end to violations of these rights and to create the conditions to prevent such violations, including by ensuring that relevant national legislation complies with their obliga-
tions under international human rights law.”

The resolution will likely undergo changes as it is debated in the General Assembly’s Third Commit-
tee, which focuses on hu-

man rights. It is expected to be put to a vote in the com-

mittee later this month and then again in the General Assembly next month, diplo-
mats said.

“We have received the draft and will evaluate the text on its merits,” an official at the US mission to the United Nations said.

Several diplomats said they would be surprised if the resolution did not receive the support of an overwhelming majority of UN member states.

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff and Ger-
mans at the talks, Kishida said

man Chancellor Angela Merkel have both con-
demned the widespread snooping by the US Na-
tional Security Agency. Charges that the NSA ac-
cessed tens of thousands of French phone records and monitored Merkel’s mobile phone have caused outrage in Europe.

General Assembly res-

olutions are non-binding, unlike resolutions of the 15-nation Security Council. But assembly resolutions that enjoy broad interna-
tional support can carry sig-

nificant moral and political weight.

The resolution would urge states “to establish independent national over-

sight mechanisms capable of ensuring transparency and accountability of State surveill-

ance of communications, their interception and collection of personal data.”

It would also call on UN human rights chief Navi Pillay to prepare and pub-
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Alibaba restructures Alipay’s parent, Jack Ma’s share reduced

BEIJING, 2 Nov — The online payment affiliate of China’s biggest e-commerce company Alibaba Group Ltd will be restructured to attract new strategic investors, in a move that will reduce the shareholding of Alibaba’s founder Jack Ma in the affiliate. Zhejiang Alibaba E-Commerce Co Ltd will be restructured as a new company in which 60 percent of its shares will be offered to new strategic investors, Lucy Peng, head of the restructured entity, said in a letter published on its official Weibo microblog account on Friday.

Ma will see his shareholding reduced from 80 percent to about 7 percent in the new company, or no greater than his shareholding in Alibaba Group, according to the letter. The restructured company, to be known as Alibaba Small and Micro Financial Services Group, will hold Zhejiang Alibaba’s 100 percent stake in unit Alipay, as well as its shareholding in Alibaba’s micro-finance unit, Zhong'an Insurance, and Tianhong Asset Management Co. Alipay is China’s biggest third-party payment platform, providing payment solutions to 460,000 merchants, and with 800 million registered accounts.

The remaining 40 percent in the new company will be offered to nearly 24,000 employees at Alibaba Group and Zhejiang Alibaba, said Peng, former chief executive of Alipay. That includes the share held by Ma.

The announcement on Friday will have no impact on existing agreements with Alibaba and the group’s shareholders SoftBank Corp and Yahoo!

German journalists urged to shun Google and Yahoo

FRANKFURT, 2 Nov — The union representing German journalists advised its members on Thursday to stop using Google and Yahoo because of reported snooping by US and British intelligence. “The German Federation of Journalists recommends journalists to avoid until further notice the use of search engines and e-mail services from Google and Yahoo for their research and digital communication,” the union said in a statement. It cited “scandalous” reports of interception of both companies’ web traffic by the US National Security Agency (NSA) and Britain’s GCHQ.

“The searches made by journalists are just as confidential as the contact details of their sources and the contents of their communication with them,” said Michael Konken, head of the union which represents about 38,000 journalists. He said there were safe alternatives for both searches and email.

The Washington Post reported on Wednesday that the NSA had tapped directly into communications links used by Google and Yahoo to move large amounts of email and other user information between overseas data centers. It said the program was operated jointly with GCHQ.

Google’s chief legal officer said it was “outraged” at the apparent interception of data from its private fiber networks. The company declined to comment on the German union move. Yahoo said it had strict security in place at its data centers and had not given access to the NSA or other agencies.

Revelations by fugitive US intelligence contractor Edward Snowden about the scale of NSA surveillance worldwide, from the alleged mass taping of emails to the tapping of world leaders’ phones, have caused international outrage. The German government said last week it had evidence that Chancellor Angela Merkel’s mobile phone had been monitored by US intelligence.

Amazon tries free, on-time delivery to lure India online

BANGALORE, 2 Nov — Free shipping on a 100 rupee ($1.60) book. Delivery times guaranteed to the minute. These are some of the incentives for India’s biggest online retailer Amazon.com Inc using to entice Indians to shop on the web, a sector where growth has been stifled by payment problems, low Internet usage and a challenging logistics environment.

Amazon’s investors are counting on its international business and expansion to help drive growth and support its $165 billion market value, one of the highest among US firms. India is Amazon’s third emerging market investment after Brazil and China, and one Vice President and Country Manager Amit Agarwal said would take time to pay off. Most Indians do not own a credit card, and less than half the 152 million Internet users have shopped online.

Then there are the bad roads, the snarled bureaucracy and the petty bribery that greases business.

The potential, however, is vast. Online retail sales in India are forecast to grow more than a hundred-fold to $76 billion by 2021 from just $600 million at the end of 2012, retail consultants Technopak said. E-tail sales in China, by comparison, are expected to grow to $650 billion by 2020 from around $200 billion in 2012, consultants McKinsey predict.

China to build new Antarctic station

SHANGHAI, 2 Nov — China is planning a new research station in Antarctica, the State Oceanic Administration (SOA) said on Friday.

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Sale Yok Sone Kyang

Pakokku

Pakokku is a prosperous trading town on the west bank of the Ayeyawady River in central Myanmar. Symbols of prosperity in the conservative towns far from cities such as Yangon or Mandalay are not big cars or big houses but big monasteries and pagodas.

The Thiiho Shin Pagoda

This ancient pagoda has been well-maintained over the ages. There are also some beautiful monasteries built from teak in Pakokku.

Sale Yok Sone Kyang

This an all-teak monastery in Sale is covered with finely-wrought carvings featuring traditional motifs, scenes from the Jataka stories and those of ordinary people going about their lives.

Shinpin Sargyo Hla Pagoda

It is believed to mark the place where couriers waited to welcome King Anawrahta as he returned from Thatton with complete set of the Tripitaka (the Buddhist canon) in 1057. East of the pagoda are temples with wonderful murals featuring the styles of three different eras: Bagan (11th to 13th centuries), Pinya/Inwa (14th to 16th centuries) and the late 19th to early 20th century colonial period.

Mann Settawya Pagoda

The Mann Creek flows around a hill, where steps lead to a pagoda at the top with a footprint of the Buddha. At the base is another footprint. From February to April pilgrims come to worship and swim in the cold and clear waters of the creek.

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Antonov An-71 of Russia —Xinhua

A box from Amazon.com is pictured on the porch of a house in Golden, Colorado on 23 July, 2008. —Reuters

A worker walks past a logo of Alibaba Group at its headquarters on the outskirts of Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, on 24 Aug, 2013. —REUTERS

An illustration picture shows the logos of Google and Yahoo connected with LAN cables in a Berlin office on 31 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

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Euro on the ropes after dive in inflation

LONDON, 2 Nov — The euro tumbled to a two-week low on Friday after a plunge in euro zone inflation left markets suddenly eying the outside chance of a cut in interest rates by the European Central Bank next week.

European shares .FTEU3 saw a subdued end to the week, with a fourth week of gains, but the combination of Thurs-day’s surprise dive in inflation to just 0.7 percent and a revitalized dollar kept it on the ropes.

After its biggest fall in six months in the previous session, the euro fell to $1.3530, on course for a fall over the course of the week of two percent.

It is clear that there has been a major sentiment change on the euro,” said John Hardy, head of FX strategy at Saxo bank in Copenhagen.” The ECB’s single mandate has always been on inflation so this gives Draghi and co further reason to do something at next week’s meeting.

We see considerable further downside. The likes of euro/dollar back into the old range, down towards $1.30.”

The move was amplified as dollar .DXY continued to kick away from a recent nine-month low, boosted by upbeat US data overnight. Stock markets across the continent lost between 0.2 and 0.5 percent .FTSE .FCHI .GDAXI .FTMIB .IBEX, pegged back by signs of third quarter weakness at some major European firms.

At the same time, the return of bets on an ECB rate cut saw euro zone govern-ment bonds extend this week’s rise. <GVD/EUR>

Huawei still banned from Australia’s broadband project

MELBOURNE, 2 Nov — China’s telecom giant Huawe-i on Friday confirmed that the ban by Australian-gian government on Huawei from participating in the Na-tional Broadband Network (NBN) project continues, saying it was “extremely disappointed” with the de-cision.

At the same time, Prime Minister Tony Ab-bott also reportedly reiter-at-his promise of the ban to the country’s opposition leader. In an internal let-ter obtained by Xinhua, Huawei Australia Chairman John Lord told his 700 staff to ‘hold their heads up high,” saying they should be proud of this company.”

“We are extremely dis-ap-pointed with this decision... Hua-wei’s business in Australia has never been dependent on the NBN.”

Despite the NBN deci-sion, last year was our most successful year to date and today Huawei’s Australian business is bigger than ever,” Lord said in the let-ter. He also said that the Australian government’s decision is the exception, not the rule. “Huawei is building eight of the nine NBNs around the world, in-cluding the UK, New Ze-land, Singapore, Malaysia, and more. These countries have not embraced Huawei cautiously, they have em-braced us with open arms,” said the chairman. Huawei Australia was banned by the former Labour govern-ment earlier last year from tendering in the NBN pro-ject over security reasons. This month’s Attorney-General George Bran-dis on Tuesday issued a statement which indicated that the government would uphold the ban since Hua-wei hadn’t persuaded the Australian intelligence agencies for the security concerns.

The previous govern-ment’s decision to ban Huawei from tendering for the NBN had been based on national security agencies’ advice, Brandis told media. Brandis’s statement was an obvious shock to the Chinese company who said over half of Austral-i ans already use a Huawei product for parts of their daily telecommunications needs, because Australian Communication Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Trade Minister Andrew Robb recently showed support publicly to review the ban, raising hope the controversial political policy would be relaxed. Just two days after the remarks, Austral-i an Prime Minister Tony Abbott reportedly ruled out any involvement by Hua-wei in the NBN plan.

According to the everyday The Australian, Ab-bott sent a letter to the position leader Bill Short-en, saying “his government has not intention of revising the decision of the previous govern-ment.”

Some nutrition and diet studies may overstate results

New York, 2 Nov — Doctors, policymakers and everyday people may make decisions or give advice based on the results of published nutrition studies. But a new analysis shows re-searchers sometimes over-state the results of those reports.

Researchers from the University of Alabama at Birmingham looked at pa-pers published about nutri-tion and obesity in leading medical and public health journals. They tracked how often authors overreached in the summary of their findings.

“We found that about one of 11 studies have some kind of issue that we identified that was degrad-ing the fidelity of research reporting,” Dr Nir Menach-emi said. “In the article we call it an overarching statement.”

That’s probably the most fair way to characterize these infraction,” Menach-emi, who led the analy-sis, told Reuters Health. His team’s findings were published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine. Not much is known about how often findings are distorted by scientists or the media. Results from so-called observational studies— which can’t prove cause and effect— are often used to make potentially inap-propriate recommendations without better data, the researchers said. One study showed half of press releases on more rigor-ous trials also overstated their results. Menachemi and his colleagues won-dered if researchers might be more likely to over-state the results of studies on politically and socially charged topics. They de-cided to focus on nutrition and obesity reports. The researchers looked for arti-cles published in eight lead-ing journals in either 2001 or 2011 to examine changes in reporting over time. They found 937 papers, 377 from 2001 and 560 from 2011.

Close to nine percent of those had findings that were overstated in the study summary, called an ab-stract. Studies from 2011 were more likely to over-reach than 2001 papers. <Reuters>

US preterm births fall to 15-year low, still worst in developed world

New York, 2 Nov — The rate of preterm births in the United States dropped to a 15-year low of 11.5 percent in 2012, according to a report released on Friday, but the country still came in dead last among industrialized nations on this measure of infant health. The rate reflects six straight years of declines, possibly due to factors such as a drop in smoking among women of childbearing age, said the March of Dimes, the nonprofit group that produced the report. The im-provement comes during an apomatic, partisan debate in Congress about health insurance centered on Presi-dent Barack Obama’s health-care reform law.

The Affordable Care Act requires all insurance plans to cover maternity care, spreading the cost of healthy pregnancies across society. That provision led to a temorary exchange on Wednes-day when Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Servic-es, testified before a congres-sional panel and defended the provision. Republican Representa-tive Renee Ellmers retorted that the maternity require-ment “is why healthcare premiums are increasing, be-cause we are forcing people to buy things that they will never need.”

The requirement increases premiums for a typi-cal policy about 3 percent, calculated James O’Connor of Milliman, an actuarial firm, in an April report for the health insurance industry. “We are the only high-income country in the world not to have everyone covered for maternity care,” said Dr Edward McCabe, medi-cal director of the March of Dimes.—Reuters

China intercepts 147 shipments of substandard food in September

BEIJING, 2 Nov — Chi-nese authorities discovered 147 batches of substandard food imports in September, the country’s top quality supervisor announced on Thursday.

Wrong labels, micro-bial contamination and poor quality were the main problems discovered in the substandard food imports, which came from 24 coun-tries and regions, according to the General Administra-tion of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ). The rejected food prod-ucts fall under 14 categories, with most of them classified as dairy products, biscuits and candies, said AQSIQ’s spokesperson, Chen Xitong. AQSIQ also found five shipments of substandard cosmetic products imported from three countries and re-gions. All substandard prod-ucts were either sent back or destroyed, Chen said.

Xinhua
Two Greek far-Right Golden Dawn party members dead outside party offices

ATHENS, 2 Nov — Two young men were killed and a third one was seriously injured in an attack outside Greek far-Right Golden Dawn’s (Chrysi Avgi) party offices in the Athens northern suburb of Neon Herakleion on Friday evening in an alarming escalation of political violence in Greece.

Two hooded unidentified persons who were riding a motorcycle approached the party offices and opened fire at the men standing in front of the building, before fleeing the site, according to eye witnesses. Police sources said that the attack was made with automatic rifles and guns.

As counter-terrorism police has launched an investigation into the attack, Golden Dawn party spokesman Elias Kassidiaris confirmed speaking to local media that the victims — aged 22 and 26 according to hospital sources — were party members.

Golden Dawn is under an unprecedented crackdown, with its chief Nikos Michaloliakos and two other MPs held in pre-trial custody on charges of running a criminal gang, after the fatal stabbing of a Leftist anti-fascist musician by a Golden Dawn party supporter on 18 September at a Piraeus port District.

In the first reactions after Friday’s attack, Greek government and opposition parties condemned the violence.

“The murderers, whoever they are, will face the Law and a united Greek society,” Greek government spokesman Simos Kedikoglou said.

“I express my grief for the death of two young people. The law will be enforced. We will not allow the country to be turned into a theater for settling accounts for any reason,” Public Order Minister Nikos Dendias added.

All political parties represented in parliament issued similar statements, rejecting violent acts which “undermine democracy.”

Golden Dawn party first entered Greece’s parliament in the 2012 general elections with 7 percent of the vote, capitalizing on Greek people’s anger at the painful austerity introduced in 2010 to address the debt crisis. It currently holds 18 seats in the 300-member assembly.

After the murder of Pavlos Fyssas this autumn, several party members have been linked to numerous attacks against immigrants and political opponents, Golden Dawn is under crackdown and its popularity has plummeted.

China upgrades alert against Typhoon Krosa

BEIJING, 2 Nov — The National Marine Environmental Forecasting Centre on Saturday upgraded its wave warning from yellow level to orange as Typhoon Krosa strengthened to a strong typhoon on Friday night. Krosa, the 29th typhoon of the year, will bring waves as high as nine metres in the northern part of the South China Sea from Saturday noon till Sunday noon, the centre said.

The typhoon is expected to whip up peaks of up to 3.5 metres in the Taipei Strait and along the coast of Guangdong Province, while waves up to three metres will be seen in the eastern coastal areas of Hainan, according to the centre.

The centre also warned of storm tides, with water levels expected to increase by as much as 80 centimetres in coastal areas of Guangdong and Fujian provinces from Saturday morning to Sunday morning. The centre urged ships to be cautious. It also advised coastal authorities to take precautionary measures, carry out patrols and make sure dikes and fishery facilities are secure.

In addition, the National Meteorological Centre (NMC) issued a yellow alert for Krosa on Saturday, the second tier in the country’s four-colour weather warning system, as it moves towards China’s southern coastal regions.

At 5 am, its centre was at the northern part of the South China Sea and about 605 kilometres east of the city of Wanning in southern Hainan’s Hainan Province.

The NMC forecast that it will move westward at a speed of 10 to 15 km per hour towards Hainan as its force slowly weakens. Local governments should take precautions against the typhoon while ships in areas on the route of Krosa should come back to ports, the NMC said.

On Friday, the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters announced a fourth-level emergency response, the lowest level, asking local authorities to monitor the typhoon, forecast its movement and ensure people’s safety.

IAEA team to visit Fukushima in November over radioactive water

WASHINGTON, 2 Nov — The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency said on Friday its mission will visit the crippled nuclear plant in Japan’s Fukushima for fact-finding on problems including radioactive water leakage.

“We’re planning to send our peer-review mission in autumn, perhaps toward the end of November,” Yukio Amano, Director General of the IAEA, told reporters in Washington.

That will be an IAEA mission on decommissioning of the Fukushima Daiichi plant and “it covers the contaminated water issues,” Amano said.

The IAEA sent a similar team of experts to the Fukushima plant in April to conduct an on-site survey related to work toward scrap of four of its six reactors which were devastated by the March 2011 mega earthquake and tsunami.

The IAEA mission at that time warned the operator Tokyo Electric Power Co properly manage a massive amount of waste water that was contaminated with radioactive substances believed to cool nuclear fuel in the waterfront plant.

A series of leakages of contaminated water in the premises were reported even after the visit by the IAEA team, some of which could have flowed into the Pacific Ocean, fueling overseas concerns about sea water safety.
Heavy rains fill lakes with rainwater in rural areas of NyaungU Township

NyaungU, 2 Nov—This year, NyaungU Township got moderate amount of rainfalls in the early monsoon period and larger amount of rainfalls in the late monsoon period.

Foods donated to flood victims

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Nov—As the heavy rain has poured down in Pyinmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area since 27 October, villages namely Gyodan, Intha and Thayasu village-tracts along Paunglaung River in Pyinmana Township were in flood.

Chairperson of Nay Pyi Taw Women’s Affairs Organization Myan Naing Myat Moe and party gave words of encouragement to the flood victims at the monastery in Taungzalok Monastery.

Next, they donated foods to the flood victims. At present, health staff members are assigned duty at the relief camp for providing health care services to the flood victims.

193 stimulant tablets seized in Meiktila

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Nov—A combined team comprising members of No 18 Anti-Drug Squad of Mandalay searched the house of Ma Aye Aye Win, 37 in Kyidiawgyi Ward of Region 5 in Meiktila on 22 October.

They seized 193 stimulant tablets and K 100,000 from her bed.

Anti-Narcotic Drives

344 stimulant tablets seized

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Nov—Members of No 30 Anti-Drug Squad (Tachilek) together with witnesses raided the house of Ah Kyu, 55 of Loisason Village (Upper) in Hongle Village-tract in Tachilek Township on 29 October.

They seized 344 stimulant tablets and K 688,000 from the bedroom of Ah Kyu and wife Ma Mi Gun, 56 at the house.

Tachilek Myoma Police Station filed a lawsuit against Ah Kyu and Ma Mi Gun under Sections 15/19(a)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. — Ko Ko Yupa (Mann Tekkatho)
A definitive test

Myanmar is poised to officially take up the duties of the leader of the 10-nation bloc for the first time on 1 Jan 2014, 16 years after its admission to ASEAN. The granting of ASEAN Chairmanship to Myanmar indicates that both ASEAN members and its partners have seen Myanmar as a role model for other countries with democratic transition in the globe to aspire to.

Assumption of ASEAN Chairmanship by Myanmar for 2014 is very important because the chair will have to prepare the grounds for the realization of ASEAN Economic Community in 2015. That means a lot of advance preparations are to be undertaken in the upcoming year when Myanmar will take over the leadership of the 10-member club. Moreover, Myanmar will have to take the lead in the regional meetings, performing an important role of flourishing the relations between ASEAN and the rest of international community.

So, the year of assuming ASEAN Chair will be an important milestone not only for the present government but also for the future of Myanmar and its people. Playing a leading role in the region, Myanmar will act as a catalyst for paving a way towards ASEAN Centrality. Moreover, it is a good time to maintain its respectable status in the region, proving a point that the government is confident of translating the process of participatory democratic transition into a success acceptable to all stakeholders.

That’s why, the 2014 ASEAN Chairmanship will be a definitive test on whether the government is markedly capable of leading the regional bloc as well as its own country for winning international plaudits.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin delivers an address at ceremony to mark World Stroke Day.—MNA

You know, China’s tourism industry has registered burgeoning growth since the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

So, let’s join hands together for showing our nation’s image impressively at the Games.

World Stroke Day ...

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to the patients to save their lives.

Nearly 15 million had strokes worldwide with an annual death of six million.

A family will suffers a big loss when a bread winner of the family is struck by stroke and a country will also lose its work force, the Union minister said in his speech.

After the ceremony, health experts gave talks on prevention and treatment of stroke.

Myanmar celebrated the World Stroke Day in Yangon in 2010, in Nay Pyi Taw in 2011 and in Mandalay in 2012, distributing pamphlets on preventive measures against stroke and carrying out medical checks.

According to the World Health Organization, non-communicable diseases have become the burden of global countries and stroke has become a leading cause of deaths like heart attacks and has become the second cause for disabilities.—MNA

White Elephant kills mahout

YANGON, 2 Nov—A mahout was accidentally killed by a white elephant at Mindhamma White Elephant Garden in Insein Township, here today.

The victim who had worked as a mahout for 11 years died en route to hospital after being gored by one of the three white elephants kept at the garden.

“The mahout was gored at his left chest by the male white elephant Rajagaha and died on the way to hospital. Such kind of accident had never happened here,” said an official of the garden. The three white elephants at the garden walk around the garden from 6.30 am to 7.30 am every day while mahouts are sitting on them and other mahouts walk besides them to feed sugar-cane to them. The accident happened during the morning walking time of the elephants. The male white elephant has been locked up and veterinarians and mahouts are closely monitoring him.—Nandar Win

Preparation for display of desks and computer as facilities at International Broadcast Center for XXVII SEA Games. (News on page 16) MNA

Photo shows preparations have been made at Main Press Center (MPC) for XXVII SEA Games. (News on page 16) MNA
A Study on the Anandacandra Stone Inscription

In view of the Anandacandra Stone Inscription, it is known that the 15 kings ruled for 1016 years or 1060 years. Dr. Sirca assigned the year of accession of the earliest of these 15 kings to B.C. 636 and that of the accession of the last King Lanki to A.D. 368. It is also observed that out of them, the names of six kings were lost. As the regnal years of the first four kings were mentioned as 120 years, some modern scholars throw doubt over the existence of the line of those kings. However, U San Tha Aung thinks that it was just like the way the modern astrologers wish the owner of the horoscope a life of 120 years. A strange fact is that the twelfth ruler was a queen named “Kuverami”. This suggests that women could stand on equal footing with men in Rakhine region from ancient times. San-skrit scholar U Myint Swe assumes that these kings might be those who ruled in Dhamma-vi Period, which had flourished in Rakhine prior to Vesali Period. The second section (from Verse No.19 to Verse No. 31) deals with 13 Candra kings. The names of these kings with their regnal years and the total regnal period described by the Anandacandra Stone Inscription and the years of their accession tentatively assigned by Dr. Sirca are as follows.

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According to the Anandacandra Stone Inscription, it is brought to light that these 13 Candra kings ruled for a total of 129 years. Dr. Johnston and Dr. Sirca assigned the year of the accession of King Dve-candra to 350 A.D and 370 A.D and that of the accession of King Dharmacandra to 577 A.D and 597 A.D. The third section (from Verse No.33 to Verse No. 45), deals with the nine kings belonging to the family of King Anandacandra. The names of these kings with their regnal years and the total regnal period described by the Anandacandra Stone Inscription and the years of the accession of the 13 kings tentatively assigned by Dr. Johnston and Dr. Sirca are as follows.

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According to the Anandacandra Stone Inscription, it is learnt that these kings ruled for a total of 129 years. Dr. Johnston and Dr. Sirca assigned the year of the accession of King Mah-avira to 580 A.D and 600 A.D and that of the accession of King Devacandra to 700 A.D and 720 A.D. As the stone inscription says that King Anandacandra inscribed it nine years after the construction, it can be said that he incised it in about 709 A.D (according to Dr. Johnston) or 729 A.D (according to Dr. Sirca).

In general, a total of 22 kings including 13 Candra kings mentioned in the second section and 9 kings in the third section are considered to have ruled in Vesali Period. However, the well-known traditional chronicles assert that a total of 12 kings including 10 Candra kings and two descendants of Mro tribe ruled during Vesali Period. Out of 13 Candra kings recorded in the Anandacandra Stone Inscription, only two kings—Devacandra and Kalacandra—are included in the list of 12 kings of Vesali claimed by the Rakhine traditional chronicles. Apart from these two kings, the names of the remaining kings recorded in the Anandacandra Stone Inscription differ from those claimed by Rakhine traditional chronicles. But coins bearing the names of the kings included in the Anandacandra Stone Inscription such as Devacandra, Deva-candra, Yajnacandra, Can-drabandhu, Bhumickandra, Nairacandra, Viracandra, Pritica, Pritica, Dhirctacandra, Kullavijaya, and Dharmacandra have been discovered. The names of these kings are not described in the Rakhine traditional chronicles. As the coins with the names of the kings who struck them are solid evidences proving that they actually ruled in Vesali Pridd, it might be that the compilers of Rakhine traditional chronicles had not discovered these coins at the times when they compiled the chronicles. But since King Htalacandra, the accepted Asoka of Rakhine, mentioned in the traditional chronicle is identified with King Anan-dacandra by some scholars, it can be also considered that the chronicle and the stone inscription tend to refer to the same king in different names. Anyhow, it is suggested that the kings whose names are inscribed on the coins be added to the list of the kings claimed by the Rakhine traditional chronicles.

Another invaluable thing contributed by this stone inscription to Rakhine history is the time of estab-lishing Vesali City. It is found that western scholars such as Forchhammer, Sir. Aurther Phayer, etc assert that Vesali was established by Maha Taing Candra in A.D. 789. However, Rakhine scholars and historians such as Ven. Candamala Lankara (compiler of the New Rakhine Chronicle), U Aung Tha Oo, U Chan Tun, U San Tha Aung, etc persistently hold that it was founded by the same king in A.D. 327. But, now, Dr. Johnston and Dr. Sirca, through the meticulous study of the regnal years of the Vesali kings described on the Anandacandra Stone Inscription, coins struck by a few of them, placed the date of establishing Vesali City at A.D. 350 and A.D. 370 respectively (See the second above ta-bles). Again, the Depart-ment of Archaeology under the Ministry of Culture, employing the archaeo-logical finds yielded by the third season excavation of Vesali, remarked that Vesali City flourished between the 4th and the 8th centuries A.D. Additionally, U Aung Thaw, a director of the Department of Ar-chaeology, says that Vesali Period began in the middle of the 4th century A.D. Therefore, it would not be biased to place the date of establishing Vesali City somewhere dur-ing the 4th century A.D. (To be continued)
National Sports
Cash assistance provided to selected national players from Mon State

An official makes speech at ceremony to cash assistance for athletes, managers and coaches and organizing officials.

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Nov—A ceremony to provide cash assistance for athletes, managers and coaches and organizing officials was held in Mawlamyine on 30 October.

Mon State Minister for Development Affairs Dr Toe Toe Aung presented cash assistance provided by Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint to an official of Mon State Sports and Physical Education Department.

The Mon State chief minister gave K 100,000 each to the SEA Games organizing manager, gymnasium/stadium manager, the team manager, coaches, players in track & field, archery, Sepak Takraw, table tennis, muay, billiards, judo, Petanque, football (men’s and women’s), golf, cycling and boxing events.

Disaster Risk Reduction
Workshop on Project for Capacity Building on Losses of Reduction in Disaster Risk kicks off


Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung speaking at opening of Workshop on Project for Capacity Building on Losses of Reduction in Disaster Risk.

The workshop came to an end with remarks by Mr Mitsuko Shikda of SEEDS Asia.

Low-price SIM cards were sold in a transparency way for driver and bus conductors through draw lot system at the Township All Bus Line Supervisory Committee Terminal in Mahlaing Township on 31 October morning.

Those who won the SIM cards expressed thanks to officials who managed sales of cards.

The ceremony was attended by Township Administrator U Aung Thein Hlaing of General Administration Department, Chairman of Township All Bus Line Supervisory Committee U Maung Maung and town’s elders.

Basic Unit Leader Training Course for Scouts wraps up

Mandalay, 2 Nov—The Basic Unit Leader Training Course for Scouts concluded at Basic Education High School No. 16 in Chanayethazan Township on 31 October, with an address by Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint.

The Region Chief Minister and officials decorated the scouts with scarfs.

In his address, the Chief Minister urged the scouts to place emphasis on nurturing the youths in line with 10 points ethics of scouts.

Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint presents certificate to an official.

Next, the Chief Minister and officials presented certificates of honour to those who contributed to conducting the training course.

Also present at the concluding ceremony were Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing, Director-General U Tin Myo Kyi of No. 2 Basic Education Department, Chairman of Myanmar Scout Temporary Committee U Tin Nyo (retired director-general), coaches and officials of the Ministry of Education.

Anti-Narcotic Drives
39000 stimulant tablets, arm and ammunition seized

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Nov—Members of No 22 Anti-Drug Squad of Muse in Shan State and police of Muse Township Police Force searched a Hilux surf driven by Aung Win (a) Hlyo Pha Haik, 27 of Lawseethan Village of Kukai Township near Asia World Toll Gate in Muse at 8.30 pm on 29 October.

The police seized one pistol with six bullets, one gamazaine and 39000 stimulant tablets worth k 78 million.

Muse Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Aung Win (a) Hlyo Pha Haik, under sections 15/19(a)/22(b) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Telecommunications

Low-price SIM cards on sales through draw lots in Mahlaing Tsp

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Aung Win (a) Hlyo Pha Haik seen with seized stimulant tablets and arm and ammunition.
Tokyo, 2 Nov—The government is considering appointing former top diplomat Shotaro Yachi as the first chief of the secretariat of the planned Japanese version of the US National Security Council, a government source said on Saturday.

The diet is deliberating a bill to create such a bureau to gather information and speed up decision-making on foreign and national security policy. The government will set up the body under the Cabinet Secretariat following the enactment of the bill.

Yachi, 69-year-old former vice foreign minister, may head the bureau to supervise some 60 officials, including Self-Defense Forces personnel, to complete policies over diplomacy and security.

He is now serving as a foreign policy adviser to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Yachi served as the top bureaucrat at the Foreign Ministry when Abe previously held the premiership from 2006 to 2007.

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Southeast Asia welcomes China’s neighbourly foreign policy

KUALA LUMPUR, 2 Nov — China’s reaffirmation of its good-neighbourly foreign policy is timely and much needed as a “diamond decade” is envisioned in relations between China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), a Malaysian analyst has said.

At a conference on diplomatic work held in Beijing last week, Chinese President Xi Jinping said his country would strive for a sound environment for its development and seek common development with its neighbors.

Oh Ei Sun, a political analyst and former political secretary to Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak, said ASEAN would very much welcome Xi’s remarks that peaceful development and cooperation toward win-win outcomes remain the cornerstones of China’s foreign policy toward its neighbors.

“Indeed, most ASEAN countries see these cornerstones as a timely reaffirmation of China’s avowed foreign policy goals since China first undertook its hugely successful reform and opening-up process,” Oh said.

And for many years, ASEAN countries reciprocated these friendly gestures and offered themselves to be the forerunners of investments in China, becoming instrumental in China’s modern development, he said.

Xi’s remarks, along with his and Premier Li Keqiang’s recent visits to Southeast Asia and the almost simultaneous China visits by the prime ministers of Russia, Mongolia and India, mark the “birfoco” of China’s diplomatic efforts to renew and refresh its ties with its neighbors while constructing the “new model of relations between major powers” most notably with the United States, Oh said.

At the meeting held on 24-25 October Xi urged Chinese policy-makers and diplomats to let the sense of common destiny take root in neighboring countries.

Oh said most of China’s neighbors are developing countries although they are categorized at different levels of development stages. These countries have come to realize the importance of harmonious coexistence with neighbors.

China must take the lead in not only improving relations with its neighbors, but also accelerating regional socio-economic development at the time of global depression, he said.

An Asian infrastructural investment bank as mooted by Xi can be of tremendous help especially to those less developed neighbors of China.

Meanwhile, with the establishment of a Silk Road economic belt and a maritime silk road, China can help foster closer economic relations with its Central and Southeast Asian neighbours by nurturing socio-economic development.—Xinhua

Cambodian opposition says talks with ruling party to resume next week

PHNOM PENH, 2 Nov — The opposition Cambodian People’s Party (CPP) said on Friday that talks with Prime Minister Hun Sen’s ruling party over political dispute will be resumed on Tuesday next week.

“Officials at working group levels of the two parties will meet on Tuesday, 5 Nov at the Parliament Palace in order to discuss and seek a solution for the current political crisis in Cambodia,” CPP said in a press statement.

The talk resumption came after CNRP’s leader Sam Rainsy on Thursday called for dialogues with the ruling Cambodian People’s Party (CPP) over the conflict after the hotly-contested July’s election.

CNRP’s Vice President Kem Sokha said on Thursday that the proposed agenda for talks could be a request for probe into alleged poll irregularities and a demand for the resignation of the election council’s leadership in order to pave the way for a credible electoral reform.

However, the CPP has several times denied the election fraud and rejected the request for the poll probe committee, saying it is against the nation’s constitution.—Xinhua

Govt decides on 6% power-saving goal for Hokkaido in winter

Tokyo, 2 Nov—The government on Friday decided to ask households and companies in Hokkaido to cut electricity usage by more than 6 percent from the fiscal 2010 level to ride out another winter without nuclear power generation.

It is the first time since the 2011 Fukushima nuclear crisis that Japan will enter the winter season with all of its reactors offline, but other parts of the country are expected to secure enough power to meet demand without setting such numerical targets.

In the northernmost prefecture of Hokkaido, people will be asked to achieve the 6 percent power-saving goal from 4 pm to 9 pm on weekdays between 9 December and 7 March next year, when demand for electricity is expected to peak. The year-end and new-year period as well as other holidays will be excluded.

For industries such as farming and tourism, the numerical goal will become a requirement only when a power crunch is feared, while lifeline utilities such as hospitals and railways are totally exempted from the requirement, the government said.

According to a government estimate, Hokkaido Electric Power Co. is expected to secure 7.2 percent more power supply capacity than anticipated demand in February, higher than the minimum required level of 3 percent to maintain a stable supply.—Kyodo News

Lanterns are seen at Seoul Lantern Festival which will last until 17 November along the Chonggyechon Stream in Seoul, capital of South Korea, 31 Oct, 2013.—Xinhua

A Christmas tree made of crystal glass is set up at the Venetian Glass Museum in Hakone, Kanagawa Prefecture, on 31 Oct, 2013.—Kyodo News

A customer talks with a vendor during the handicrafts festival held in Vientiane, Laos, Nov. 1, 2013. The annual handicrafts festival in Vientiane started on 28 Oct this year and will end on 3 Nov, 2013.—Xinhua

Vietnam, Malaysia boost defence ties

HANOI, 2 Nov — Vietnamese Defence Minister Phung Quang Thanh and his Malaysian counterpart Dato Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein discussed ways to strengthen defence ties during talks in Vietnam’s capital Hanoi on Friday.

The Vietnamese host hailed the visit of Malaysian defense minister for strengthening friendship, mutual understanding and trust between the two defense ministries towards boosting Vietnam-Malaysia ties to a strategic partnership.

The Malaysian guest, on his first visit to Vietnam since taking office, said the Malaysia-Vietnam defense links have turned more productive in various fields.—Xinhua
Policeman arrested, 6 suspended over deadly shooting

NANNING, 2 Nov — A policeman was arrested af- ter he allegedly shot a woman dead and injured another on Monday in south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autono- mous Region, said local au- thorities on Thursday. Head of Pingnan County’s public security bureau, where the policeman worked, as well as five other lower-ranking police officers, were sus- pended from their duties for investigation on Thursday afternoon, according to a statement released by the Public Security Bureau of Guigang City, which ad- ministers Pingnan county. The policeman sur- named Hu went to a rice noodle shop to buy food af- ter drinking alcohol at about 10 pm on Monday. He shot and injured the female shop owner surnamed Wu and her husband after a brawl with them. Wu died later after emergency treatment failed while her husband stayed in critical condition.—Xinhua

Prefecture promotes Tibetan language among government workers

LANZHOU, 2 Nov — As a holder of an MA degree, Wu Manzhong never imag- ined his career in the gov- ernment would start in a Tibetan language class. Sitting in a classroom in Gannan Tibetan Autono- mous Prefecture in northwest China’s Gansu Province, Wu followed his teacher’s instructions to write Tibetan words. The language has become an important skill to Wu since he took a job as a govern- ment worker in Gannan’s Diebu County this summer. “I used to know noth- ing about the language, so it was pretty hard for me to communicate with local Tibetans. Sometimes I even had to rely on gestures,” Wu said. The 29-year-old is one of 161 government workers in Gannan who are taking a four-month full-time lan- guage programme at a local school. The courses teach basic Tibetan expressions and grammar, and students must complete homework and receive grades from teachers. Gannan, which lies in the border area of Gan- su, Qinghai and Sichuan provinces, is one of the country’s ten Tibetan au- tonomous prefectures, with Tibetans making up the major- ity of its population of 700,000. In order to break lan- guage barriers and facilitate communication between the government and locals, Gannan kicked off a cam- paign in 2011 to promote the teaching of Tibetan among its civil servants. The prefecture has trained more than 600 bi- lingual civil servants so far and hopes to train more than 1,000 others by the end of 2014. Wei Zhourong, a sen- ior official at Gannan’s personnel office, said only by mastering the Tibetan language can non-Tibetan local officials better under- stand people’s concerns. The language is even linked with the promotion of local officials. In Gannan, grassroots officials who fail to master the language after three years working in Ti- betan communities will be denied promotion. Yang Xiao’e, a Gannan official who graduated from the program last year, said the class did facilitate her communication with local herders.—Xinhua

Four arrested for alleged coca smuggling from Peru to Bolivia

LIMA, 2 Nov — Peruvian authorities have arrested four suspects attempting to smuggle three tons of coca leaves into Bolivia, anti- narcotics police operating in Peru’s south Andean region of Juliaca reported on Thursday. According to the police report, agents seized the 3-ton shipment Wednesday afternoon in the remote high plateau, as it was being shipped across the border by truck. The suspects arrested included Samuel Edgar Ortega, 56, head of sales for Peru’s National Coca Com- pany (Enaco), who is from the border region of Puno, some 1,540 km southeast of the capital Lima. The other suspects were arrested aboard the truck at the scene. The coca seized by the nar- cotics agents was packaged into 30 100-kilogram bales, and was being shipped to a drug trafficking ring, ac- cording to the police. Some coca is grown legaly and Enaco is one of the world’s few compa- nies that grows and sells the plant for industrial purpos- es.—Xinhua

NOTICE TO SLEEPING MEMBERS OF CITY GOLF RESORT FOR PAYMENT OF MONTHLY FEES

1. Permission for Sleeping Membership has no longer been granted to members of the City Golf Resort, Yangon City Development Committee since (15-11-2011), and accordingly all Sleeping Membership has become null and void. Therefore all our Sleeping Members shall be required to pay their outstanding Monthly Fees in line with the Rules of the City Golf Resort.
2. According to paragraph (9) of the Rules and Regulations of the City Golf Resort, members (Myanmars / Foreigners) who fail to pay their Monthly Fees for a period of one year and over shall cease to be a member, and so unless the outstand- ing Monthly Fees be paid by (28-2-2014) at the latest, it is hereby notified that their membership shall be terminated in accordance with the Rules of the City Golf Resort.

General Manager
City Golf Resort

Afghan Army soldiers run during their military train- ing at an Army training center in Balkh Province in northern Afghanistan, on 31 Oct, 2013.—Xinhua

UN chief condemns terrorist attack in Iran

UNITED NATIONS, 2 Nov — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki- moon on Thursday condemned a recent terror- ist attack in Iran’s Saravan which killed over a dozen Iranian border guards, his spokesperson said. Ban condemned the at- tack and extended his con- dollences to the families of the victims, as well as to the Iranian people and gov- ernment, UN spokesman Martin Nesirky said here at a regular briefing when asked about the incident. Ban also noted with serious concern the report- ed hanging of 16 people following the attack, Ne- sirky added. According to Iranian media, 17 Iranian border guards were killed in an armed clash on Friday in Saravan city bordering Pakistan, in the Sistan and Baluchestan Province. No details have been revealed about the identity of the perpetrators.

Photo taken on 7 Oct, 2013, shows the beautiful scene of Yue Haiwan Central Business District of Yinchuan.—REUTERS
Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson meet secretly five months after split

Los Angeles, 2 Nov — Former couple Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson, who parted ways five months ago, had a secret meet up recently.

The 23-year-old actress recently visited Pattinson’s rented house in Beverly Hills and spent hours there, reported E! Online.

After the meeting, Stewart was pictured driving her blue Toyota pickup truck with Pattinson’s silver Jeep trailing behind.

It is believed that the ex-couple were allegedly heading in the same direction, which was the actress’s home. However, their plan changed when they realized that paparazzi had been tailing them.

The 27-year-old actor and Stewart had found love while filming the Twilight series but suffered a setback when the Stewart’s affair with her Snow White and the Huntsman director Rupert Sanders became public.

The couple tried to patch up after a brief split but finally decided to call it quits in May.

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Raj Kapoor’s song was perfect for Gravity, says Phaldut Sharma

New Delhi, 2 Nov — British-Indian actor Phaldut Sharma, the voice behind the “goofy guy” singing Mera joota hai Japani in Gravity, feels the classic number from Raj Kapoor’s film Shri 420 fit beautifully in the movie starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney.

Sharma, who has worked with director Alfonso Cuaron on Children of Men and in TV shows like EastEnders, Hunted, Casualty and Roger Roger, said he opted for this song because it was “a classic, playful and celebratory” number.

“Alfonso Cuaron had asked me to put together a 20 minute pitch when he was trying to get the film made. They had this slow romantic Bollywood song but I don’t remember what it was.

This song suited the character’s nature and mood better. “It has a different kind of tempo to it. It is much more celebratory and playful. I also liked the idea of this man who is floating above in space and looking down and is mentioning that his shoes are from Japan, his hat is from Russia but his heart is Hindustani.” Sharma told PTI over phone from London.

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Aishwarya Rai Bachchan: Thankful to parents for my looks

Mumbai, 2 Nov — Actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan thanked her parents for her good looks and said that it’s in her genes.

“Honestly, I don’t see myself so closely. I am thankful to my parents because it’s in my genes. What matters the most is who you are as a person,” Aishwarya told reporters Friday (November 1, 2013) on the occasion of her 40th birthday.

Aishwarya is married to actor Abhishek Bachchan and feels that after marriage girls get closer to their parents.

“When you go away from your home, when you get married, you get more emotional and sensitive. I take this platform to thank my parents for the gift of life they have given me. The moments I have shared with them means the world to me,” said the star of films like Guru and Dhooom 2.

The former beauty queen started her big screen journey in 1997 with Tamil movie Iruvar and then carved a niche for herself in Hindi film industry with his like Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam. She also did international films like Bride And Prejudice and The Pink Panther 2.

She also tried her hand in off-beat films with Bengali movie Chokher Bali and Hindi film Raincoat.

Looking back at her journey so far, the actress said: “I never thought I would be part of showbiz. My family doesn’t belong to the showbiz. I never thought I would ever be here. My family used to give a lot of importance to academics. I was a science student.”

“I only thank god for whatever route he chose for me to bring here because today I am married into a family who are people from this industry and who are very passionate about their work. They sincerely work and respect the creative art,” added Aishwarya, daughter-in-law of Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan and actress Jaya Bachchan.

Aishwarya-Abhishek have a daughter, Aaradhya, who will turn two-year-old on 16 November.

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Kanye West wants a huge wedding

Los Angeles, 2 Nov — Rapper Kanye West has reportedly hired five assistants to help plan his wedding to Kim Kardashian, which he wants to be “the biggest show on earth.”

West, 36, recently proposed to the reality star, with who he has four-month-old daughter North, and plans to spare no expense when it comes to celebrating their nuptials, reported Digital Spy.

“Kanye wants it to be the ‘greatest show on earth’. He wants fire-eaters, acrobats and special performances from his musical friends, including Jay-Z.

“He’s even suggested hiring elephants for him and Kim to ride on and hand-crafted jewelled Maison Martin Margiela masks for them to wear at the altar,” a source said.

West, who proposed at AT&T baseball Park in San Francisco in front of 50 of Kim’s loved ones accompanied by a 50-piece orchestra, plans to celebrate their union with three lavish parties and has already hired five new members of staff to help organize the wedding.

“Kanye will spare no expense when he and Kim marry. He wants the main event in LA, as well as huge parties in New York and Miami. He’s already hired five assistants to help with the planning and has joked he wants it to be bigger than the royal wedding,” the source added.—PTI
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**Moyes says improving United must maintain momentum**

**LONDON, 2 Nov — Unbeaten in six matches Manchester United are finally starting to build some momentum after a poor start to the season, manager David Moyes said on Friday.**

**Three Premier League defeats in their opening nine fixtures have left United in unfamiliar territory down in eighth place in the table, eight points behind leaders Arsenal.**

**However, with central defenders Rio Ferdinand and Nemanja Vidic both coming through this week’s emphatic League Cup win over Norwich City unscarred after injuries, Moyes was upbeat in his news conference.**

**“We’ve started to string together one or two half-decent results and hopefully that will build a bit of momentum,” Moyes said. “We’ve been a bit up and down, winning one then losing one, so we’ll hopefully try and get into a bit more consistency.”**

**United scrambled to a 3-2 home victory over Stoke City last weekend, having twice trailed, and will be anxious to pick up three points at Fulham before facing leaders Arsenal at home in their next league fixture. “It’s a gap (at the top) and we have to work to try and close it. We’ll take one game at a time and get closer to the top. That’s the plan but there’s a long way to go,” Moyes said.**

**Robin van Persie was rested against Norwich because of some niggles but is expected to return to face Martin Jol’s Fulham at Craven Cottage, although Danny Welbeck is ruled out with fluid on the knee.**

**The return of Ferdi- nand and Vidic, who have not started a league game together since the 4-1 defeat at Manchester City in September, has given Moyes plenty of defensive options.**

**“I think both (Vidic and Ferdinand) are very close to full fitness,” Moyes said. “They showed that in midweek when playing Pre- mier League opposition.**

**“They both played for 90 minutes so I can’t see any reason why they wouldn’t be ready to be se- lected or involved.”**

**Van Persie has been fine. He’s trained well and worked quite well this week so hopefully he will be okay.” Like Moyes, Ful- ham manager Jol has been under scrutiny with his side just two points above the bottom three and knocked out of the League Cup (second di- vision) Leicester City.**

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**Bayern’s Robben, Kroos doubtful for Hoffenheim game**

**BERLIN, 2 Nov — Bay- ern Munich could be with- out midfielders Arjen Rob- ben and Toni Kroos when they take on Hoffenheim on Saturday aiming to match a Bundesliga record of 36 successive games without defeat, coach Pep Guardiola said on Friday.**

**Both players picked up groin injuries in the 3-2 win over Hertha Berlin which stretched their unbeaten league run to 35 matches and were initially confident of recovering in time for the match.**

**“They are not yet fit but that is not a problem,” Guardiola, who said Kroos was in better condition than Robben, told reporters. The Spaniard does expect them to be back in action in the Champions League next week at Vikto- ria Plzen.**

**He will have central defender Dante back, after he recovered from a cut in his leg that ruled him out for two weeks. Dante has been training well and things are looking very, very good,” Guardiola said.**

**Treble winners Bayern lead the Bundesliga with 26 points from 10 games, one ahead of Borussia Dort- mund and Bayer Leverkus- en. Their last league defeat was in October 2012 when they lost 2-1 to Leverkusen.**

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**Mickelson hopes quadruple bogey puts him back on cloud nine**

**SHANGHAI, 2 Nov — The last time Phil Mickel- son made a quadruple bogey he won the event and the American is hoping that lightning strikes twice as he moved into contention half- way through the WGC-HSBC Champions tournament on Friday.**

**Mickelson ran up a nine at the par-five eighth (his 17th hole) during Thursday’s opening round. The stern look on his face as he left the course suggested**

**that anyone approaching him for a positive com- ment would do well to steer clear.**

**He was, however, in a far more jovial mood on Friday after shooting a four-under-par 68 that helped him get back to contention after an opening 71.**

**Mickelson may sit sev- en strokes behind runaway leader Dustin Johnson but the left-hander is only two shots behind a trio of play- ers tied for second place.**

**“The good news for me is I’m playing well, making a lot of birdies, and if I can eliminate some mistakes, I should have a chance on the weekend,” the British Open champion told reporters.**

**“That nine on my 17th hole yesterday really hurt but I fought back today to get back in it. I’m going to continue to play aggressively because I have to make birds to catch the lead.”**

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**Kaka to start for Milan and Abbiati back in squad**

**ROME, 2 Nov — Bra- zil playmaker Kaka will start for AC Milan against Fiorentina at the San Siro on Saturday (1945 GMT) and goalkeeper Christian Abbiati is back in the 21- man squad. Milan, though, will be without defender Mattia De Sciglio due to a knee injury.**

**“Kaka will play tomorrow. He’s got his strength back and is improving physically,” coach Massi- miliano Allegri told a news conference. “He’s the sort of player that in his head has the desire to show he is a winner.” Kaka scored his first Milan goal since returning to the club from Real Madrid in September when he was on target in the 1-1 draw against Lazio on Wednesday.**

**After initially suffering injury problems the Brazilian appeared to be rediscover- ing his form following impressive displays against Lazio and Barcelona and as a substitute against Parma last weekend.**

**Allegri did not say whether Abbiati would play against Fiorentina and Gazzetta Dello Sport re- ported that the goalkeeper would return against Barca in the Champions League in midweek.**

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**Classy Federer sets up clash with Djokovic in Paris**

**PARIS, 2 Nov — Former world number one Roger Federer showed some of his old class when beating Argentine Juan Martin Del Potro 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 at the Paris Masters on Friday to set up a semi-final clash with Novak Djokovic.**

**The Swiss, who had lost his prior three encoun- ters with the towering Del Potro including the Basel Open final on Sunday, will return to the Masters Series semi-final for only the second time this year.**

**He will face Djoko- vic, who hammered Swiss Stanislas Wawrinka 6-1, 6-4, for the first time since last year’s ATP World Tour finals. Federer has a 16-13 record against the Serb, who won their last meeting in London a year ago.**

**“Roger is probably ex- perience the worst season that he’s had in the last 10 years, but he’s still a player to beat in every tournament, because he’s Roger Feder- er, because he has won 17 grand slams,” Djokovic told a news conference.**

**“You can’t underesti- mate him although maybe he’s not at the form where he was when he was num- ber one in the world. But I have been watching his matches in Basel last week and here. I think he’s play- ing really well.”**

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Thousands protest across Egypt before Morsi’s trial

CAIRO, 2 Nov — Thousands of supporters of Egypt’s toppled president Mohamed Morsi took to the streets across the country on Friday, the supposed first day of a continuous protests ahead of the trial of Morsi in the coming days.

The protesters shouted slogans against police and the armed forces and held the four-finger Rabaa sign, calling for Morsi’s reinstatement. Minor clashes erupted between supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood group and residents in some places.

In Cairo, the capital of Egypt, and the neighboring governorate Giza, protesters marched from mosques in Maadi, Mohandiseen and many other districts after Friday’s noon prayer, part of whom gathered around some important national institutes like the presidential palace and the headquarters of the military intelligence.

The armed forces and police completely closed the iconic square of Tahrir along with the squares of Rabaa Al-Adawiya, Mustafa Mahmoud and Nahda to ban any possible marches, and further troops have been deployed around the Al-Qubba Presidential Palace to ban any possible protests by Muslim Brotherhood supporters outside the palace, official news agency MENA reported.

In Egypt’s second largest city Alexandria, police fired tear gas to break up clashes between Morsi supporters and residents, semi-official Al-Ahram online website reported.

Protests also took place on Friday in southern Egypt’s Assiut, Minya, Fayyum, Beni Suef, and in the Nile Delta governorates of Gharbiya, Mahalla, Dammietta and Beheira, according to Al-Ahram online.

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Everton ready to send message against Spurs: Martinez

LONDON, 2 Nov — Everton can send out a message that there is more than one team on Mersey-side capable of challenging at the top of the Premier League if they beat Totten-ham Hotspur on Sunday.

Across Stanley Park, Liverpool’s flying start to the season has caught the eye but Everton’s, under new manager Roberto Martinez, has been only marginally less impressive.

Everton are sixth, two points behind second-placed Liverpool and four off leaders Arsenal, and their one league loss was against New- castle United at Goodison Park.

Martinez has quickly established the eye-catching brand of pass- ing, he has instructed his players, you’re going to be in a stronger position be- cause you don’t rely on that standing at something. I think Spurs are developing to be outstanding at every- thing.

Tottenham boss Andre Villas-Boas is impressed with Martinez’s start at Everton and the impact of Lukaku who has netted five times in seven league games. “There is a massive difference from Moyes’ aggressive style of football to Roberto’s build-up play but there is no difference to the results they are getting,” he told Tottenham’s website (www.tottenham-hotspur.com).

“Team have bond- ed to Roberto’s ideas...he’s a very straightforward, open-minded coach.

“Lukaku is a player of great potential, he is strong but he’s also creative on ball. He has a big mo- tivation to show that he’s long to the top.” — Reuters

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World Stroke Day marked in Yangon

Yangon, 2 Nov—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thein Khin called on the people and non-governmental organizations for cooperating with the ministry in providing emergency treatment to stroke patients and their rehabilitation.

In his speech at a ceremony to mark the World Stroke Day which falls on 29 October at the University of Nursing in Yangon, the union minister stressed the need for immediate evaluation and treatment (See page 8).

Sittoung River may fall below its danger level

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Nov—The water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo has reached its danger level starting from 28 October, 9:30 pm. According to the 12:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level has exceeded by 78 cm (2.5 ft) above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level during the next 48 hours commencing this noon.

The water level at Toungoo 713 cm observed at 13:30 hours M.S.T on 30 October, is the second highest and 48 years 1966-2013 record. The previous second highest water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo is 705 cm observed on 30 August 1984, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

Cambodian women’s cane-ball team under training at Gold Camp

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Nov—Cambodian women’s cane-ball team is undergoing training at Training ground (2) of Gold Camp in Nay Pyi Taw. The Cambodian women’s cane-ball team arrived in Myanmar yesterday and is under joint training together with their Myanmar counterparts at the training ground with the help of Myanmar traditional cane-ball coaches.

The Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Traditional Cane-ball Federation is jointly giving a training course to the Cambodians with the aim of drawing the attention of Asia countries to Myanmar traditional cane-ball sports that will include in the coming SEA Games. Cambodian men’s and women’s cane-ball teams are undergoing intensive training with great enthusiasm.—Kyaw Thura (Nay Pyi Taw)

Huge surge in imports and exports

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Photo: Ko Ko Zaw

KALBI Ship loaded with teak logs docked at Bo Aung Kyaw Jetty.

Since opening up its economy to the world, Myanmar has seen a surge in imports and exports. More rice, beans and pulses, teak and other local products could be exported as demand was high. Recent days, foreign cargo ships were moored in Yangon Port. MCP LAR NA CA Container Ship was approaching the Yangon Port and DAHIATUL.

Photo shows MCP LAR NA CA Container Ship approaching Yangon Port.