**All inclusiveness is important for democratization**

**Miyikyna, 3 Nov**—“I believe that tomorrow would be the dawn of peace in our country,” said U Khin Hein Nan, a representative of Amyotha Hluttaw, regarding the upcoming peace talks between the Union Peace-making Work Committee and KIO delegation in Miyikyna tomorrow.

“Tomorrow talks are a concrete step for peace. All national races should not be left behind in the transition to democracy and only when we all join hands, can we achieve success, and I hope all would understand this situation,” he added.

“I hope that the two sides would touch upon peace based on this understanding, and I think the agreement reached at the recent conference of leaders of armed groups in Laiza would be focused on the tomorrow talks by the Union Peace-making committee,” U Khin Hein Nan said.

“Anyway, this is a rare chance and has come to us in many decades and many have already sacrificed their lives to get this chance and so, we should achieve success to a certain extent and it depends on the tomorrow talks. People are asking the participants of the peace talks to bring peace this time,” he said.

“The Union Peace-making Work Committee has sought step by step to achieve peace, and sharing of natural resources. I believe that a genuine federal system would be achieved through a political dialogue, U Khin Hein Nan said. Vice-Chairmen of Union Peace-making Work Committee Union Minister at the President Office U Aung Min and U Thein Zaw also the Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee, Union ministers, work committee representatives, and other leaders from armed groups and political parties were welcomed by officials at Myitkyina Airport.”

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**Conserve endangered Ayeyawady dolphins**

The death of one Ayeyawady Dolphin in the first week of August has reduced the number of Ayeyawady dolphins to only 22 in the conservation area, according to U Han Win, the assistance staff officer of the Fisheries Department.

“We assume that the dead dolphin is not from the conservation area and we have a plan to collect the data of Ayeyawady dolphins in the Ayeyawady River in December,” he said.

The decomposed body of the endangered Ayeyawady dolphin was found near the Seiktha Jetty in Kyaukmyaung, Sagaing Region, in the first week of August.

The Fisheries Department and the Wildlife Conservation Society have yearly carried out the survey of Ayeyawady dolphins living between Mandalay and Bhamo.

During the survey from 25 to 27 October, the team comprising officials from the Fisheries Department and experts from WCS found seven dolphins near Singaing Village and three dolphins near Ywadanthe.

Today, the endangered species is facing threat from the electrofishing and banned fishing net.

Byline: Htwe Htwe Htwe (Sagaing)

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New Light of Myanmar
Mursi goes on trial as Egypt struggles for democracy

CAIRO, 3 Nov — Egypt’s first freely elected president, Mohamed Morsi, goes on trial on Monday under a security crackdown that has devastated his Muslim Brotherhood movement and raised concern that the army-backed government is reimposing a police state.

A popular uprising that toppled autocrat Hosni Mubarak in 2011 raised hopes that Egyptians would break the military establishment’s longstanding grip on power. But the world’s most populous Arab nation has faltered in its political transition, and the generals are back in charge, to the dismay of Cairo’s Western allies who were hoping Egypt’s experiment with democracy would be smooth.

Morsi, who was ousted by the army on 3 July after mass protests against his rule, is due to appear in court along with 14 other senior Muslim Brotherhood figures on charges of inciting violence.

He and the other defendants could face a life sentence or death penalty if convicted. Two French journalists would likely further inflame tensions between the Brotherhood and the army-backed government and deepen the political instability that has decimated investment and tourism in a country where a quarter of people live under the poverty line.

When the military ousted Morsi, it promised a political roadmap would lead to free and fair elections. What followed was one of the harshest clampdowns ever mounted against the Brotherhood, which is now struggling to survive after enduring state repression for decades. In August, dozens of the two French reporters crushed Cairo protest camps demanding the reinstatement of Mursi, a US-trained engineer.

Two French journalists abducted, killed in northern Mali

BAMAKO/PAris, 2 Nov — Two French radio journalists were killed by gunmen in northern Mali on Saturday, hours after a meeting in the town of Kidal, French and Malian officials said. The French government confirmed that 58-year-old Claude Verlon and Ghislaine Dupont, 51, both journalists at RFI radio, had been found dead.

“Justice will be denied ... expresses his indignation over this heinous act,” Francois Hollande’s office said in a statement. Kidal is the birthplace of a Tuareg uprising last year that plunged Mali into chaos, leading to a coup in the capital Bamako and the occupation of the northern half of the country by militants linked to al-Qaeda.

A French-led military intervention drove out the militants but there are still pockets of insurgents fighting a Tuareg separatist group MNLA and Malian security services told Reuters the two reporters had been killed outside the town after their abduction.

“A few minutes after a pursuit began for the abductors of the two French journalists, we were informed that their bodies were found ridules with bullets outside the town,” said Paul-Marie Sidiki, prefect of the town of Timzawaten, who is based in Kidal.

A senior MNLA military official said the bodies had been recovered outside Kidal and a Malian security source said the journalists were killed about 12 km (8 miles) outside the town.

“I’m not able to give exact details but there have been at least 100 people in a small area and they were killed by the MNLA,” said a source.

The incident dramatically highlighted the continuing security risks, France still has about 3,000 soldiers in the country, alongside Malian troops and UN peacekeepers (MINUSMA), although it only has about 200 troops in Kidal and another 100 in Tessalit, several hundred kilometers away in the northwest. A local prefect, sources from UN officials to Washing- ton, quoted the allegations and to work on “a new ba- sis of trust.”

Two death sentences in absentia for war crimes in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 3 Nov — A Bangladesh war crimes court convicted and sentenced to death in absentia on Sunday two men as accused of committing atrocities during the country’s war of independence from Pakistan in 1971.

British-based Muslim leader Chowdhury Mueen Uddin and Ashrafuzzaman Khan, a U.S. citizen, were found guilty of the torture and murder of 18 intellectuals during the war, lawyers and tribunal officials said.

They said the 18 included nine Dhaka University teachers, six journalists and three doctors. Both men were 65 years old.

“Justice will be denied if they are not given death sentences for their heinous crimes,” judge Obaidul Hassan told the crowded tribunal.

Bangladesh has been hit in recent months by a wave of violent protests over war crimes convictions, presenting the government with a security and credibility challenge ahead of polls early next year.

The tribunal has brought down eight convictions so far, with six defendants sentenced to death.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina set up the tribunal in 2010 to investigate abuses during the conflict, during which India helped Bangladesh, then known as East Pakistan, break away from Pakistan. It delivered its first verdict in January.

The prime minister’s opponents say the tribunal has become an instrument against the tribal authorities of the two biggest opposition parties, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and the Jamaat-e-Islami.

Bloodletting erupted across the country since the tribunal’s first verdict. More than 100 people have been killed in the clashes this year, most of them were Islamist party activists and members of the security forces.

So far, six former and current Jamaat leaders and two BNP leaders have been convicted.

The New York-based Human Rights Watch group has said the tribunal’s proceedings fall short of international standards. Veterans of the war were among hundreds of people outside the court who cheered the verdict.

“We know where they are living. We must do our best to bring them back and execute them,” state prosecutor Tureen Afroz told reporters. —Reuters

Supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood and ousted Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi take part in a protest against the military and interior ministry in the southern suburb of Maadi, on the outskirts of Cairo on 1 Nov, 2013. —REUTERS

Iranian, N Korean officials agreed to continue cooperation in August

WASHINGTON, 3 Nov — Iranian and North Korean security officials agreed in August to continue to cooperate in the fields of nuclear and missile development under new President Hassan Rouhani, a Western diplomat said on Saturday, quoting Iranian sources.

The agreement was reached by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, a heavily armed security unit under the Iranian leadership, and a group of unnamed North Korean security officials in Teheran on 3 August, a day before Rou- hani’s swearing-in.

Rouhani has been working on improving relations mainly with Western countries, even showing interest in dialogue with the US. He made efforts to open lines of communication with North Korea.

The meeting took place when a North Korean delegation visited the Iranian capital to attend Rouhani’s swearing-in ceremony. Some of the security elements in the North Korean delegation attended the meeting with Mohammad Ali Jalili, head of the IRGC, the diplomat said.

Kim Yong Nam, North Korea’s No 2 leader and president of the Presidium of the Supreme People’s Assembly, led the delega- tion but he is believed to have been absent from the meeting as he was attending a meeting with Rouhani at the time. —Kyodo News

Radio France Interna- tional (RFI) journalists Ghislaine Dupont (L) and Claude Verlon are pic- tured in this combination picture made of undated handout images released to Reuters on 2 Nov, 2013. —REUTERS

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“At no point did our news- makers voice doubt, saying Washington could use such an agreement to alleviate concerns over its spying activities without making any changes on its mass surveillance in Eu- rope.

American allies in Eu- rope have been in an uproar over media reports that US intelligence agencies have monitored the communica- tions of Merkel and tens of millions of phone calls in France and Spain. —Vinbu

“Two former US presidents have been killed in this combination picture made of undated handout images released to Reuters on 2 Nov, 2013. —REUTERS

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New Light of Myanmar
Lockheed shows plans for hypersonic spy plane; focus on low cost

WASHINGTON, 3 Nov — Lockheed Martin Corp (LMT.N) unveiled plans on Friday for a hypersonic spy plane that could fly at Mach 6, twice as fast as its famed SR-71 Blackbird, and said a missile demonstrating the new technology could fly as early as 2018. Brad Leland, the Lockheed engineer who has headed the seven-year research effort, said the new aircraft, dubbed the SR-72, was designed using off-the-shelf materials to keep it affordable in the current tough budget environment. He said the new plane offered game-changing capabilities to the military — a demonstrator jet that could reach any target in an hour.

A long-range manned spy plane, 50 years ago. A few of those planes remained in service until 1999. Details of the new hypersonic spy plane project emerged days after Lockheed, the Pentagon’s biggest supplier, teamed up with No. 2 supplier Boeing Co (BA.N) to develop a bid for the Pentagon’s new long-range bomber.

Bone flutes suggest 9,000-year-old Chinese music tradition

ZHENGZHOU, 3 Nov — Three flutes made of bones of red-crowned cranes have been excavated at an ancient tomb in central China’s Henan Province. Further evidence of remote ancestors playing music long before they could write, archaeologists announced on Friday. They believe that the musical instruments, excavated earlier in October from Jiahu, site of a Neolithic settlement, although rough and simple, prove that Chinese residents were playing music as far back as 9,000 years ago.

The flutes have been dubbed the world’s earliest heptatonic musical instruments discovered so far. The narrow brown pipes of around 20 cm in length and 1.1 cm in diameter feature hair-thin patterns carved on their surface. Archaeologists have also unearthed a large number of pottery vessels, millstones, handmade tools and oracle bones in dozens of ancient tombs and dwelling sites at the Jiahu excavation site. “People who created Jiahu culture were not only hunters, fishermen and craftsmen, but also early farmers and brilliant artists,” said Zhang Juzhong, professor at the University of Science and Technology of China who oversaw the excavation work.

International DNA barcoding agreement signed

KUNMING, 3 Nov — Experts have urged strengthening international scientific cooperation in species database sharing at the recently concluded fifth International Barcode of Life Conference (iBLC) in southwest China’s Yunnan Province.

The declaration in Kunming is one of the most important events in the history of biodiversity science. We are following a global trend to open up data. It’s critical to protection of biodiversity in the future,” Canadian scientist Paul Hebert remarked on 31 October. The Kunming Declaration, signed by 400 scientists from more than 40 regions and countries, calls for international cooperation in DNA barcoding technology and industry standards.

The technology has been adopted in fields such as animal identification and biological medicine, according to Li Deshu, dean of Kunming Institute of Botany.

Google’s mystery barges revealed as luxury showrooms with party deck

SAN FRANCISCO, 3 Nov — Google Inc’s mysterious barges, which prompted fevered speculation about their use as a front for offshore data centres to floating research labs, may serve a more prosaic role as upscale party venues and showrooms.

The multi-story vessels made out of stacked shipping containers, one moored in the San Francisco Bay and the other at the Portland, Maine harbour, are invitation-only luxury showrooms for Google’s Glass wearable computers and other gadgets, according to local San Francisco TV station KPIX.

The structures will feature a top-floor “party deck,” complete with “bars, lanais and other comforts,” according to the report, which cited unnamed sources. The existence of the floating barges surfaced last week, when technology website CNET theorized that the San Francisco vessel might be a floating data centre that would house banks of computers. Google was granted a patent for a water-based data center in 2009. Google has declined to comment on the matter, refusing even to acknowledge its affiliation with the vessels. But the executive director of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, Larry Goldzband, told Reuters his agency has had several meetings with Google officials about the barges in recent months.

Google has gone to great lengths to keep the details of the barges secret, with chain link fences and security guards encircling the pier where one of the barges is under construction at San Francisco’s Treasure Island. At least one Coast Guard employee has had to sign a non-disclosure agreement with the Internet giant, as did another person who would identify himself only as an inspector for a California government agency, Reuters reported earlier this week. The project is being personally directed by Google co-founder Sergey Brin, according to KPIX.

Vodafone rises on report of AT&T takeover interest

LONDON, 3 Nov — Shares in Vodafone Group rose on Friday after a media report that US mobile operator AT&T was exploring strategies for a potential takeover of the British telecoms firm. AT&T Chief Executive Randall Stephenson has said there is a “huge opportunity” to invest in mobile broadband in Europe and he would buy wireless assets if they were available at the right price.

AT&T is the second-largest mobile provider in the United States after Verizon Wireless. But it is not adding new customers in its home market as fast as Verizon, and it is also ceding market share to much smaller rival T-Mobile US. Vodafone sold its stake in Verizon Wireless to its joint venture partner Verizon Communications Inc for $130 billion in September, leaving it with a pan-European business spanning Britain to Romania and operations in the Middle East and Africa.

AT&T has been eyeing Europe since the beginning of the year and has considered options including Vodafone and Britain’s largest mobile carrier EE, a joint venture of Orange and Deutsche Telekom, sector bankers have previously told Reuters. A Bloomberg report on Thursday, citing people familiar with the situation, said AT&T was examining how it could divide Vodafone up after a deal, keeping some assets and disposing of others. The companies have not entered formal negotiations, the report said.

Shares in Vodafone were up 2.9 percent to 231 pence at 1104 GMT, the biggest gainers on the FTSE 100 index of blue-chip stocks. Espirito Santo analyst Robert Grindle said it was logical for AT&T to consider its options regarding Vodafone, following its US exit. “What we don’t have full clarity on is how ambitious AT&T is,” he said. “(The report) is short on substance but long on plausibility.” Vodafone and AT&T declined to comment.

A pedestrian passes a Vodafone store on Oxford Street in central London, on 10 Nov, 2009. — Reuters

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BEIJING, 3 Nov — Hospitals are banned from accepting gifts, sponsorship or kickbacks from baby formula companies, authorities said on Tuesday. Companies producing baby formula are also prohibited from promoting their products in hospitals. The decision was jointly made by the China Food and Drug Administration, the Ministry of Health and Family Planning Commission and the State Administration for Industry and Commerce. Hospitals and their members of staff are also banned from promoting baby formula to families of newborn babies, said the statement issued on the website of the China Food and Drug Administration.

The move came more than a month after the National Health and Family Planning Commission issued a similar statement in response to a scandal in which Danone was discovered to have bribed medical staff in a hospital in Tiajin to give babies its infant formula products under the brand of Dumex. On 14 October, the Tianjin government said that Dumex China paid 116 workers in 85 hospitals in the city to promote their infant formula by handing out pamphlets and giving lectures to parents. The government said it has confiscated the money these medical workers received and 13 were penalized. Dumex apologized for the incident.

Liu Fengling, head nurse at the obstetrics and gynecology department of Xuanwu Hospital in Beijing, denied that any of her colleagues had taken kickbacks from dairy companies. She said nurses in the hospital had attended the lectures organized by infant formula companies but this was not a sign of endorsement. Experts from other large hospitals were also invited to the lectures, which focused on nursing skills. “We offer infant formula to babies only when doctors have diagnosed that their mother’s breast milk is not enough and have prescribed adding infant formula to guarantee nutrition. We collect the infant formula from the nutrition department,” she said.

Honda will not be able to comply with the requirement, called a yaw rate sensor, is available.

The Japanese automaker said it is not aware of any crashes or injuries related to this problem, which affects minivans built for the 2007 and 2008 model years. In those models, the vehicle stability system can malfunction if the minivan is driven in a certain way, Honda said. The VSA system can essentially apply the brakes without illuminating the brake lights, increasing the risk of a crash. “An updated yaw sensor will be installed in affected Odyssey vehicles to remedy the error in the VSA software,” Honda said in a Press release. “However, the yaw sensor will not be available until spring of 2014.”

Honda to recall 344,000 minivans in US due to braking glitch

DETROIT, 3 Nov — Honda Motor Co said on Friday that it will recall about 344,000 Odyssey minivans in the United States to fix a software defect that may lead the vehicle to suddenly and harshly brake without the driver pressing the brake pedal. But Honda will not be able to make the necessary fix until next spring when the worker’s share of most retailers’ annual revenue, will be the most heavily discounted in years as competition for shrinking budgets ramps up. Walmart will hold an online sales event on 1 November that will feature items from JVC 42-inch LED televisions for $299 to Xelio 10.1-inch tablets for $49. Those are Walmart.com’s lowest prices in those categories.

The world’s largest retailer is also offering free shipping on about 99 percent of its online items this year for orders over $50. Last year, only 15 percent of its assortment qualified for free shipping. The earlier deals and bigger incentives come after data firm ShopperTrak forecast the slowest holiday sales growth since 2009, and other data showed consumer confidence tumbled in October as a partial government shutdown rattled the economy. Consumers returned to offices and used computers to make holiday purchases. Consumers return to offices and use computers to make holiday purchases.

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Twitter, which is wrapping up its first week of meetings with prospective investors across the United States, will arrive on the market in a more flexible way, not neglecting the possibility of utilizing the capital market to do strategic mergers and acquisitions or form strategic alliances in a selective way,” he said.

Qunar, founded in May 2005, has been ranked the top in online private travel companies in China in terms of monthly unique visitors since November 2010, according to research firm iResearch. Qunar makes debut on Nasdaq.

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Rousseff urges Cabinet to speed up Brazil works projects before election

SAO PAULO, 3 Nov — Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff, who is expected to seek re-election in 2014, urged Cabinet ministers on Monday to seek re-election in 2014, according to opinion polls released over the past three weeks.

Rousseff met in Brasilia with 15 Cabinet ministers, all of them presiding over ministries related to infrastructure and social policy matters. She asked the ministers to agree on a common timetable for completing the projects, the president’s chief of staff, Gleisi Hoffmann, told a news conference.

“All agendas will be organized in a way that they give priority to deliveries of the projects,” Hoffmann said in remarks broadcast by state news channel NBR. Some projects include medical centers in depressed urban areas, housing under the “Minha Casa, Minha Vida” home subsidy program and rural projects.

Brazil is scrambling to lift anemic investment levels that have kept its economy stagnant. Brazil’s ruling Workers’ Party is pressuring Rousseff to speed up the enactment of social policy actions to boost her appeal. Voters in recent months have voiced dissatisfaction with the poor quality of public services, a flagging economy and a rising cost of living.

If the election were held now, Rousseff would beat any challenger in the first round of the October 2014 election, according to opinion polls released over the past three weeks.

Brazil’s President Dilma Rousseff (C) speaks to the media after a ceremony for the new low-risk Program Mais Medicos (Program More Doctors), at the Planalto Palace in Brasilia on 22 Oct, 2013. Reuters

Gov’t to spend 1 tril. yen in public funds for decontamination

TOKYO, 3 Nov — The government plans to use public funds for part of the activities to clean up the radiation-contaminated areas outside the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in a major policy shift, with the total sum likely to top 1 trillion yen, sources close to the matter said on Friday.

The plan to alleviate the financial burden Tokyo Electric Power Co was supposed to face is in line with a ruling Liberal Democratic Party proposal compiled a day before on ways to accelerate the sluggish recovery from one of the world’s worst nuclear crises.

Plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co is still expected to pay up to some 3 trillion yen because the government has no intention to exempt the utility from decontamination cost payments the state and local governments have already planned.

The state, for its part, plans to use public funds to respond to additional decontamination needs for infrastructure restoration, such as cleaning schools, parks and other public facilities that have been left without maintenance after residents fled from their homes.

It will also use funds to build interim storage facilities to keep radioactive soil and other waste created in the cleanup efforts. The Environment Ministry has earmarked a total of 1.5 trillion yen for costs related to decontamination activities through fiscal 2013 ending next March and asked TEPCO to pay 40 billion yen of the funds it has so far used. But the utility has only paid back 6.7 billion yen, citing delays in clerical work and the utility’s tough business conditions.

TEPCO is struggling due to increase in fuel imports for boosting thermal power generation to make up for the loss of nuclear power. It also needs funds to compensate people and companies affected by the crisis as well as to scrap the crippled reactors at the Fukushima plant.

Photo shows former Japanese Vice Foreign Minister Shintaro Yachi. The government is considering appointing Yachi as the first chief of the secretariat of the planned Japanese version of the US National Security Council, a government source said on 2 Nov, 2013. Kyodo News

Tropical Depression churns toward Mexico’s Pacific coast

MEXICO CITY, 3 Nov — A tropical depression took aim at the Pacific coast of Mexico on Saturday, threatening heavy rains in a broad swath of western Mexico near the same area where other storms have caused major flooding over the past couple of months.

Tropical depression Eighteen-E was churning over the Pacific Ocean 360 miles south of the resort city of Los Cabos at the southern tip of the Baja California peninsula and could become a tropical storm by Saturday night or Sunday, the Miami-based US National Hurricane Centre said.

The weather system was traveling west-northwest at 6 miles per hour with maximum sustained winds of 35 mph, the NHC said in an advisory. If the system becomes a tropical storm — with sustained winds of at least 39 mph — it will be called Sonia. Mexico’s government issued a tropical storm watch for a stretch of the coast from the port of Topolobampo south to the town of La Cruz, both in Sinaloa state.

The slow-moving tropical depression could unleash heavy rainfall in the western states of Colima, Michoacan, Nayarit and Jalisco, Mexico’s national water commission said Saturday.

The NHC said the center of the system will pass near Los Cabos by Sunday night, and then approach the mainland on Monday. Reuters

Egypt looks beyond US for arms

CAIRO, 3 Nov — Egypt’s Foreign Minister Nabil Fahmy said on Saturday that Egypt would look beyond the United States to meet its security needs and warned Washington that it could no longer ignore popular demands in a changed Arab world.

Speaking ahead of a visit by US Secretary of State John Kerry, Fahmy said the United States must take a long-term view of its relations with Egypt and understand that “in the wake of the Arab Spring, “it would have to deal now with the Arab peoples, not only with Arab governments”.

Emphasizing the “turbulent” state of Washington’s ties with its longtime Arab ally after US military aid curbs in response to the army’s overthrow in July of President Mohamed Mursi of the Muslim Brotherhood, Fahmy said Egypt would have to develop “multiple choices, multiple options” to chart its way forward — including military relationships.

Fahmy, in a rare interview, also sent this message to the United States: “If you’re going to have to interact in the Middle East, you need to have either good relations with the country that is the focus of the Middle East, or at the very least well-managed relations”, “This is going to be a frank, honest dialogue between friends,” he told Reuters about his meeting with Kerry on Sunday.

“We will work in that constructive fashion to develop the relationship but there is no question in our mind that we will fulfill our national security needs as they are required from whatever source we need”. The minister, a broadly pro-American figure in the interim military-backed government, made his first significant foreign trip to Russia in September rather than the United States, which has suspended key parts of its aid to the Egyptian army, pending progress on democracy. The military receives an annual $1.5 billion in arms and cash from the United States since Egypt signed a peace agreement with Israel in 1979.

The message Cairo will convey to Kerry is that “the US-Egypt relationship is very important, but that the relationship is much deeper than aid and no aid, and it has to be looked at as a strategic relationship rather than a tactical one”. Reuters

China confident of sustainable economic growth

BEIJING, 3 Nov — President Xi Jinping on Saturday said China is confident of a sustainable and healthy economic growth and it will further the reform and opening up drive. Xi made the remarks as he met with a group of foreign members of the 21st Century Council in Beijing, where the global think-tank is holding a conference from Friday to Sunday focusing on the world’s second largest economy.

China is working to transform the mode of development and readjust its economic structure, Xi said, highlighting the country’s push for new-type industrialization, urbanization, the application of information technology and agricultural modernization.

He noted that China’s economy is growing steadily, with its gross domestic output (GDP) expanding by 7.6 percent in the first six months and by 7.8 percent in the third quarter.

“There are sufficient factors supporting China’s economic development,” said the president. “We are confident that the Chinese economy will keep growing in a sustained and healthy way.” Xi said that China will firmly continue pushing ahead with the drive of reform and opening up.

“The more China is developed, the more the country will open up,” he said, adding that it is impossible for China to “shut the door already opened up.”

Xinhua

Egypt’s Minister of Foreign Affairs Nabil Fahmy addresses the 68th United Nations General Assembly at UN headquarters in New York, on 28 Sept, 2013. Reuters

Reuters
Cornerstones laid for two-storey building of BEPS

Maungtaw, 3 Nov—The cornerstones laying ceremony for construction of two-storey building was held at Basic Education Primary School in Mawrawady (Na Ta La) Model Village in Maungtaw Township of Maungtaw District on 3 November. The new school building will be 140 feet long and 26 feet wide RC facility. Under the supervision of the Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs, Min Lwin Construction will take responsibility for construction of the building spending the fund donated by Republic of Indonesia. The ceremony was attended by district and township level departmental officials, teachers, students and local people.

The construction of the building will be completed within six months. The local people hope to upgrade the school to the middle school by the State on completion.

MMAL-District IPRD

Bags of rice, utensils donated to flood victims of Toungoo

Toungoo, 3 Nov—A total of 33 relief camps have been opened in Toungoo Township on 1 November to give shelter to 15787 flood victims from 3942 households.

Bago Region Government distributed one pyi of rice and 40 ticals of edible oil to each household. Islam people of Toungoo also donated 100 bags of rice and other utensils to the flood victims. Philanthropic groups, political parties and religious organizations donated packets of rice, utensils and bottles of purified drinking water to the flood victims.

Wards and villages in Toungoo Township are still flooded. At present, 12546 acres of farmlands from 57 fields of 14 village-tracts are under inundation, according to the Toungoo Township General Administration Department.

Win and local people in the compound of Phankhagon Baptist Church in Bhamo at 2.05 pm. Officials arranged accommodation and food for them.

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Identification numbers warmly welcomed at relief camps in Bhamo District

Toungoo, 3 Nov—A Canter with the load of rice overturned at the traffic light of Bagaya ravine in Kyinmyindine Township on 24 October morning. The vehicle driven by Myo Min Tun, 32, over turned at the traffic light and it fell on another vehicle that stopped at the traffic light. Moreover, the overturned vehicle caused a scratch to a Probox. There was no casualty in the traffic accident.

The department concerned filed a lawsuit against the reckless driver under the law.

MMAL-Tin Win Lay
(Kyinmyindine)

Modern market under construction

Myitkyina, 3 Nov—The market of Sut-in-sai Cooperative Ltd has been upgraded to the advanced one in Sitapu Ward of Myitkyina.

At present, the market is being rebuilt to the modern one with the strength of shop owners and the cooperative society.—MMAL-Moe Kyaw (Myitkyina)

Relief Activity

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Transportation of internally displaced persons in Bhamo District.

Mansi, 3 Nov—Members of Internally Displaced Persons who evacuated from their native region Moeteinpa Village of Mansi Township in Bhamo District of Kachin State due to security reason arrived back home with seven vehicles on 30 October. They were warmly welcomed by District Deputy Commissioner U Tay Zar Aung, Township Administrator U Nyunt Hlaing, Ketu Hla Naing (Yama) and Saya Kyi Naing gave lectures on life of the Sayagyi.

MMAL-Thura (Toungoo)

Mine knowledge disseminated in Sagaing

Sagaing, 3 Nov—Organized by Sagaing District Police Force, a training course on knowledge about landmines kicked off at the hall of Township Police Force on 30 October morning.

Commander of Township Police Force Police Li-col Tin Lwin made a speech, and Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Tin Aung Kyaw explained the purpose of training course.

Next, Vice-Chairman of Town’s Elders Committee U Soe Win spoke words of thanks.

It was attended by departmental personnel, ward administrators, people from all walks of life, staff of hotels, lodgings, restaurants and department store totalling 53. On 15 October, two blasts occurred at the dining room of the four-storey Shwe Pi Sone Hotel, east of Myoma Market in Minlan Ward of Sagaing and at the car park near the archway of Soon Ponnyaishin Pagoda of Sagaing.

MMAL-Htwe Myint Naing (Sagaing)

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Nay Pyi Taw, 3 Nov—The Assistant Director and party of Toungoo District Forest Department and officials of Pyu Township Forest Department, together with local authorities, acting on tip-off, raided the sawmill of Asia Green Co in South Pyu Station ward on 28 October.

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Border liaison office of Myanmar-Thai anti-trafficking in persons was opened at the office in Myawady on 31 October. On behalf of the leader of Myanmar delegation, Commander of Anti-Human Trafficking Police Corps Police Brig-Gen Win Naing Tun and Thai Permanent Secretary Mr Vichien Chawalit of Ministry of Social Welfare and Human Development of Thailand formally opened the office.

Tun Tun Oo (Myawady)
A better and safer world

As the ever advancing social environment calls for superior safety, security has become more and more important for every one. Lack of confidence in security invites various kinds of dangers at any time. We need better security measures as our society has become more sophisticated.

Apart from their eyes and ears for constant watch, security personnel are also taking the assistance of special equipment including cameras and even robots in their work. These days, people are using CCTVs or closed circuit television cameras broader than ever as they have proved their effectiveness and worthiness in the surveillance work. In many cases, machines are more reliable than human beings as man sometimes may make mistakes. CCTVs have helped security personnel arrest and charge culprits in many cases.

Our security personnel also could expose the suspects in the recent bombings and other criminal cases thanks to the CCTVs. That’s why CCTV cameras are playing a bigger role than ever in the security sector. Nowadays, people are using CCTVs in all crowded places including markets whether they are minimarkets or supermarkets, restaurants, conferences, sporting events and businesses involving hotels and tourism. In many cases, security personnel can stop a crime before it happens, as they can see every suspicious thing or action or person from the CCTVs. Moreover, CCTVs are so useful in exposing suspects.

Manpower alone is not enough for security tasks in this age of globalization. So, global countries are taking greater reliance on advanced security equipment and CCTVs are one of them. More than ever, CCTVs must be installed at all public places and crowded places for ensuring a better and safer world.

All inclusiveness ...

Some analysts said that the coming peace talks on total ceasefire may produce result.

After the peace talks held on 8 October, the Union Peace-making Working Committee and KIO delegation have signed a seven-point agreement comprising a point stated that the two sides agreed that technical teams of both sides and departments concerned shall continue coordinating on adopting of basic principles and a plan for return, resettlement, and repatriation. The two sides also agreed to undertake in coordination with each other pilot project in four villages.

It will be the first-ever talks with 15 of 17 national race armed groups in the nation during the 60 years.

Monday, 4 November, 2013

A Study on the Anandacandra Stone Inscription

(Continued from Monday, 4 November, 2013)

Concerning the founding of Vesali City, it is described in the verse No.21 of the Anandacandra Stone Inscription - "Reputed King Dvan Candra was king of kings. Due to his strict observance of morality, he could triumph over 101 kings. Then he founded a city endowed with city-walls, moats, ramparts, moat-spanning bridges, etc. Its beauty and enchantment were great enough to mock at those of the Tavasims..."

The Rakhine chronicle mentions the founder of Vesali as Mahtai Tan Candra, But Sanskrit scholar U Myo Swe said that the Dvan Candra mentioned in the Anandacandra Stone Inscription and Tan Candra is the same personage, for Dvan and Tan are linguistically akin to each other.

It is described in the Verse No. 33 that King Mahavira from Purepunra ruled with justice for twelve years. U Tin Hla Thaw, in his M.A Thesis submitted to London University in 1963, says that Purepunra might be Baraka in the Proleny 2nd A.D. and Purapura mentioned in the Mahadinddese Pali of the Kuddaka Nikaya (6th century B.C.). Proleny mentioned Baraka in Rakhine or the Silver Land (Argyre) and the Mahadinddese suggests that it was one of a series of the sea-ports reached by Indian merchants during the life time of the Buddha. Tin Hla Thaw continues that Purapura might be Dhanavati. If Tin Hla Thaw’s opinion is correct, it can be said that Purepunra had come into existence during the life time of the Buddha, that is after 543 B.C. with India since then and that Dhanavati was flourishing at that time.

The second part (from Verse No. 44 to Verse No. 65) deals with the handing over of Sibiya to the KIO. It is said that the King Anandacandra had communications with Sri Lanka and India during Vesali Period. Besides, since King Anandacandra donated Buddha statues of diverse metals, it can be deduced safely that the art of casting statues reached a high standard in Rakhine at that time. As Verse No.42-43 says, the pages of the Anandacandra King Vijarasaksi was a descendent of Siva, he could be a follower of Brahminism. But the religious contributions of King Anandacandra recorded on the stone inscription guarantee his belief in Buddhism. But some modern scholars think that the Anandacandra inscribed the stone inscription in Sanskrit, he might be a follower of Mahayana Buddhism. But it should be noted that during the life time of the Buddha, both Pali and Sanskrit were used in Magadhia Kingdom as common Magadhia languages and that the former was used in public and the latter by the elite, though both were Theravadin. Again, numerous stone inscriptions and votive tablets containing “Ye Dhamma Gaitha”, which is the cream of Theravada Buddhism, discovered in one hundred Vesali Period stone stupas scattering all over Rakhine suggest that the majority of people of Vesali embraced Theravada Buddhism. But it is undeniable on the evidence of the Anandacandra Stone Inscription that Buddhism in KIO also had been a follower of Brahminism, while Buddhism also thrived considerably side by side with Theravada Buddhism in Rakhine during Vesali Period. At any rate, suffice it to say that this stone inscription constitutes an invaluable epigraphic document which can cast some light over the evidence of the Anandacandra Stone Inscription that Buddhism in KIO also had been a follower of Brahminism, while Buddhism also thrived considerably side by side with Theravada Buddhism in Rakhine during Vesali Period.

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Biography of Her Excellency ...

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The Status of Women, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet from 1984 to 1987. She served as Director at Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission from 1987 to 1988. From 1988 to 1993, she served as Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner at Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission. She was also serving as founding Chair and CEO at the Women’s College, University of Sydney from 1993 to 1996 and Principal and CEO at the Women’s College, University of Sydney from 1997 to 2003.

She also served as governor of Queensland from 2003 to 2008. On 5th September 2008, she was sworn in as Australia’s twenty-fifth Governor-General.

Her Excellency the Honourable Quentin Bryce’s contribution to advancing human rights and equality, the rights of women and children, and the welfare of the family was recognized by appointment as an Officer of the Order of Australia in 1998 and a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2003.

Her Excellency the Honourable Quentin Bryce was awarded Honourable Doctorate of Laws by Macquarie University, Honourable Doctorate of Letters by Charles Stuart University and Honorary Doctorate of Laws by Queensland University. She was conferred with the degrees of Honourary Doctor of the University from Griffith University.

She is a role model and mentor to women at every stage of their lives. In 1964, Michael and Quentin Bryce were married and have five children and ten grandchildren.

Biography of ...

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Mr. Michael Bryce has been a Ministerial Advisor on the Child Accident Prevention Foundation and various product safety committees. He was Founding President of Melanoma Patients Australia. He was also a volunteer with the State Emergency Service in Queensland.

He was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to the design profession and the community. He has been awarded Honorary Doctors by the Universities of Queensland and Canberra and is presently Adjunct Professor of Architecture and Design at the University of Canberra.
**Security Course concludes in Pakokku**

**Pakokku, 3 Nov**—The security courses were held at 25 townships of Magway Region under the supervision of Magway Region Police Force. A similar course was conducted at the township police force in Ward 7 of Pakokku on 1 November, attended by staff of government and private banks, restaurants, lodgings, supermarkets and highway bus terminals.

At the course, Township Administrator U Aung Naing Oo, Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Than Soe, officials of Township Immigration and National Registration Department, the head of District Fire Services Department, the head of Township Development Affairs Committee and course instructors, and officials have lectures on knowledge about security awareness.

The Township Administrator made a concluding speech, calling for raising awareness of bomb blasts. It was attended by 47 trainees.—Kyemon-Aung (Mann Tekkatho)

**Workshop on animal disease control strategy in Korea held**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 3 Nov**—The Workshop on Animal Disease Control Strategy in Korea was jointly organized by Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and KOICA of the Republic of Korea at Dekkhina District LBVD in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 31 October.

Deputy Director Dr Soe Thein of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area LBVD made a speech. Korean experts Mr Joo Yi Seok lectured foot-and-mouth disease and Mr Ji Ho Kino, avian influenza disease and control of animal diseases and research works in the Republic of Korea.

The workshop was attended by staff of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and livestock breeding entrepreneurs.

**Kyemon-Lewe Township IPRD**

**Tatkon, 3 Nov**—Tatkon Township Mahā Bonkahtein Festival will be held in the township from 13 to 17 November. Yearly, local people from six wards of Tatkon, 176 villages, departments, regiments and units and wellwishers donate offerings for the Kathina offering.

The offerings are displayed at Buddha Sasana Beikman in the town. On 19 November, 60 members of the Sangha will be offered alms and donated Kathina robes and alms.

Those wishing to make donations may contact U Tin Myint (Kahtein leading committee chairman), 067-70058 and Dr Khin Maung Soe (leader of the association donate blood to Singaing Hospital for needy patients).—Kyemon-Lewe Aung Min (Singaing)

**60 pieces of shirts donated to blood donors association in Singaing**

**Singaing, 3 Nov**—Buddha Abhidhamma Propagation Group of Ammarapura Township donated 60 pieces of jersey to Noble Blood Donors Association formed with members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade of Singaing in the compound of Singaing Fire Station on 1 November.

Wellwisher U Kyaw Kyaw Soe-Daw Khin Moe Myint of Shwe Wah Hlaing Foundation of Singaing donated K 300,000 and U Naing Myo Oo-Daw Aye Aye Khaing of Paleik K 100,000 to the fund of Township Auxiliary Fire Brigade through Fire Company Commander U Khin Maung Soe.

The company commander presented certificates of honour to wellwishers.

A patron of blood donor association spoke words of thanks. About 50 members of the association donate blood to Singaing Hospital for needy patients.—Kyemon-Than Aung Min (Singaing)

**Auxiliary fire fighting course concludes**

**Myeik, 3 Nov**—The Myeik Township auxiliary fire fighting course No 1/2013 was held at the hall of Township Fire Services Department in Myeik on 1 November morning.

On the occasion, the Township Administrator made a speech and presented certificates to trainees.

Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Than Oo, Assistant Director of Myeik Jail U Nyunt Win and Staff Officer U Aung Myo Oo of Bureau of Special Investigation gave completion certificates to trainees. Staff Officer U Zaw Win of Myeik District FSD awarded the outstanding trainees.

Altogether 100 trainees from 12 wards of Myeik attended the training course from 7 to 31 October.

Also present on the occasion were departmental officials, ward/village administrators and officials.—Kyemon-Moe Hein (Myeik)

**Photo Shows Sasane Beikman where Kathina ceremonies are held in Tatkon Township.**

**Concluding ceremony of security course in progress in Pakokku of Magway Region.**

**A patron of blood donor association.**

**An official presents certificate to trainee at concluding of fire fighting course.**

**Kayin State Minister for Border Affairs and Security Col Aung Lwin, State Minister for Social Affairs U Chit Hlaing, Chairperson of Kobotu Myanmar Co Ltd Daw Thin Thin Myat and Thai officials cut the ribbon to open agricultural machinery saloon of Kobotu Myanmar Co Ltd beside Asian Highway in Ywathit Village of Myawady Township in Kayin State on 31 October.**

—Tun Tun Oo (Myawady Border Town)

**Photo shows Sasane Beikman where Kathina ceremonies are held in Tatkon Township.**

—Kyemon-Tin (Tatkon)
US to file murder complaint against LAX shooter

Los Angeles, 3 Nov — The Justice Department will file a murder complaint against Paul Anthony Ciancia, who opened fire at Los Angeles International Airport on Friday, killing a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officer and injuring six others.

The chief federal prosecutor for Los Angeles, Andre Brotte Jr said at a Press conference on Saturday that Ciancia may face life in prison with no parole possible or death penalty.

He will also be charged with commission of violence at an American airport.

FBI agent David Bowdich told media that Ciancia’s intention “was very, very clear.” “He indicated his anger and his malice, I would say, to TSA officers,” said Bowdich.

Ciancia, a 23-year-old white male, remained hospitalized Saturday with four gunshot wounds, including one on his head, and the FBI was unable to speak to him. Four of the injured, two TSA employees and two civilians, were shot by Ciancia with an assault rifle. And the other two were injured in the ensuing panic.

In a signed, handwritten note Ciancia carried with him, he said he wanted to install fear into the “traitorous minds” of TSA officers, Bowdich said. Witnesses told local media that Ciancia asked people at the checkpoint of Terminal 3, whether they are TSA, and operated fire only to TSA officers. The killed is 39-year-old Gerardo I. Hernandez, who was working in the pre-screening area. Video shows Ciancia shooting Hernandez multiple times.

The Terminal 3 reopened on Saturday. A total of 1,550 flights with an estimated 167,050 passengers were affected at LAX Friday, an airport spokeswoman said. It is the third largest airport in the United States.

TSA security agents at LAX and nationwide began playing a black mourning band Friday in honor of Hernandez, the first TSA agent to die in the line of duty in the agency’s 12 years of existence.

The oscillating-colour 100-foot-high glass pylons at the LAX entrance, a landmark of the airport will stay blue through Sunday to honour Hernandez, the airport said. —Xinhua

Sectarian clashes kill 55 in north Yemen

Sanaa, 3 Nov — The death toll in four days of clashes between rival Muslim clans in north Yemen rose to 55 on Saturday, one of the clans said, as the Yemeni government tried to broker a ceasefire in a region that lies largely outside its control. Shia Houthi rebels launched an attack on the town of Damaj, held by their Sunni Salafi rivals, on Wednesday.

The Houthis said earlier a ceasefire had come into effect on Friday afternoon, but a Salafi spokesman then said clashes had continued on Saturday, and that in all 55 Salafis had been killed by rockets and tank fire.

Yehia Abuesbaa, the head of a presidential committee tasked with ending the fighting in Damaj, said a ceasefire was now expected to come into effect on Sunday. He said the Houthis had sought the release of six of their followers who had been kidnapped by pro-Salafi fighters from a third group, the Al-Ahmar clan, in the neighbouring province of Omran.

The six had been freed following the intervention of President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi, Abuesbaa said.

The Al-Ahmar clan includes both Sunnis and Shias and its members are key figures in the Sunni Islamist Islah party, Houthi officials could not be reached for comment.

There was no immediate independent account of Saturday’s clashes or report of Houthi casualties in Damaj, which lies in Saada, a mountainous province that has long been outside central government control.

A Houthi statement on Wednesday accused the Salafis of igniting strife by bringing thousands of foreign fighters into Damaj. The Salafis, a puritanical sect, say the foreigners are students there to study Islamic theology in a semi-abstract way.

The Houthis said the Salafis of igniting strife by bringing thousands of foreign fighters into Damaj, in Sanaa, on 2 Nov, 2013.—Xinhua

Pakistan Taleban secretly bury leader, vow bombs in revenge

Deraj Ismael Khan Wana, 3 Nov — Pakistani Taleban fighters secretly buried their leader on Saturday after he was killed by a US drone aircraft and quickly moved to replace him while wowing a wave of revenge suicide bombings.

The Pakistan government denounced the killing of Hakimullah Mehsud as a US bid to derail planned peace talks and summoned the US ambassador to protest. Some lawmakers demanded the blocking of US supply lines into Afghanistan retaliation.

“The murder of Hakimullah is the murder of all efforts at peace,” said Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar. “Americans said they support our efforts at peace. Is this support?”

Mehsud, who had a $5 million US bounty on his head, and three others were killed on Friday in the militant stronghold of Miran shah in northwest Pakistan. Mehsud’s vehicle was hit after he attended a meeting of Taleban leaders, a Pakistani Taleban fighter said, adding that Mehsud’s body was “damaged but recognisable”. His bodyguard and driver were also killed. He was secretly buried under cover of darkness in the early hours by a few companions amid fears that his funeral might be attacked by US drones, militants and security sources said.

“Every drop of Hakimullah’s blood will turn into a suicide bomber,” said Azam Tariq, a Pakistani Taleban spokesman. “America and their friends shouldn’t be happy because we will take revenge for our martyr’s blood.”

Mehsud took over as leader of the al-Qaeda-linked Pakistani Taleban in 2009. The group’s two previous leaders were killed in attacks by US missile-firing drones.

Taleban commanders said they wanted to replace him with the movement’s number two, Khan Said, who is also known as Sajna. Said is believed to have masterminded an attack on a jail in northwest Pakistan that freed nearly 400 prisoners in 2012 and a big attack on a Pakistani naval base. —Reuters

Beijing’s Party chief vows to strengthen security after Tian’anmen terror attack

Beijing, 3 Nov — Beijing’s Party chief Guo Jinlong has called for enhanced capacity to prevent the Chinese capital from terrorist attacks after a car crash in Tian’anmen Square killed five people and injured another 40.

During a two-day inspection tour lasted from 1 to 2 November, Guo urged police and security forces to “look for vulnerable links” and “learn a lesson” from the Tian’anmen terror attack, the Beijing Daily reported on Sunday.

Guo, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, stressed the importance of quick response to emergences and asked police and security forces to raise their awareness in countering terrorism and violence.

Police are asked to strengthen security in key areas, enhance their capacity to collect intelligence and take precautions against terrorist attacks, the newspaper reported.

Authorities in downtown districts are required to strengthen urban management, crack down on violations of laws and regulations, and improve management of rented housing, small and medium-sized inns and floating populations.

A jeep crashed into a guardrail of Jinshai Bridge across the moat of the Forbidden City at noon on 28 October. Police said the three people in the jeep died after they set gasoline inside the vehicle on fire.

The dead also include a Filipino tourist and a tourist from south China’s Guangdong Province.

Chinese police have identified the deadly crash as a terrorist attack and detained five suspects. —Xinhua

5.6-magnitude quake hits Kandian, Papua New Guinea

Sydney, 3 Nov — An earthquake measuring 5.6 on the Richter scale jolted 90km WNW of Kandian, Papua New Guinea at 02:42:54 GMT on Sunday, the US Geophysical said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 88.82 km, was initially determined to be at 5.885 degrees south latitude and 148.796 degrees east longitude.

Meanwhile, according to Hong Kong Observatory, an earlier, a 6.2-magnitude quake hit New Britain region in the country at 0243 GMT. —Xinhua

A soldier guarding the home of Yemeni President Abd-Rabboo Mansour Hadi stands on the roof of his house against the fighting between the Shi’ite Houthi movement and Salafi militants in the northern town of Damaj, in Sanaa, on 2 Nov, 2013.—Reuters

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**Sake masters exhibit Japan liquor at UN tasting event**

NEW YORK, 3 Nov—Twenty-three Japanese “sake masters” held a tast- ing event at the UN head- quarters on Friday, giving diplomats and staff a taste of the varieties of the Japa- nese liquor often referred to as rice wine.

As visitors tasted sake produced by 48 breweries across Japan, some hailed the “sophistication and craftsmanship” of Japan in creating such an intriguing variety of tastes.

“This is a very good opportunity for the world to know the sophistication of Japanese sake in creating dif- ferent tastes,” said Yoon Yeoechol, chief of proto- col at the Protocol and Li- asion Department for General Assembly and Conference Management at the United Nations.

“Whenever I try (sake), I am amazed by the sophis- ticatedness of the variety of taste.” Yoon, a South Ko- rean, told Kyodo News.

The event, co-spon- sored by the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations and the Ja- pan Choice Brewing Asso- ciation, was the first of its kind held at the UN head- quarters, and was attended by about 200 diplomats and UN staff, according to or- ganizers.

Naotaka Miyasaka, president of Miyasaka Brewing Co in Nagano Prefecture who heads the association, said that with the event, he and other Japanese sake makers hope to raise the international standing of sake and boost the international image of Japan’s food culture.

“The Japanese food culture centreing on sushi is be- coming popular around the world, and we would like (people around the world) to know that sake fits best with Japanese food,” Miya- sakas said.

“We brought to the event the highest qual- ity of sake we make,” he said. “We would be happy if (visitors) become aware that Japan has such kinds of sake.”

Carlos Chavarri, a member of the Spanish Mission to the United Na- tions, said he had never had such good sake before, and that he will recommend drinking sake to other peo- ple. Asked whether he will recommend sake or Spanish wine, Chavarri said, “I have to stick with my roots, I would recommend sake, but sake tastes as good as wine, I must say.”

**Volcano erupts in Sumatra, Indonesia**

JAKARTA, 3 Nov—The Mount Sinabung volcano in Karo district of North Su- matra erupted again early Sunday, shooting a column of ash up to 7,000 metres to the sky, and authorities recom- mended evacuation of the people living in the slope, an official said here.

A major explosion was heard at 3:24 am (local time) and had been rumbling since, Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, spokesman of national disas- ter management and mitiga- tion agency told Xinhua over the phone.

An evacuation zone of 3 km has been declared and the people in four villages within the area must be evacuated, Sutopo said. The authorities have raised the alert status to the second highest following the increase of seismic activi- ties on the mountain over the recent weeks.

The Mount Sinabung volcano erupted with a ma- jor explosion on 24 October, sending a column of smoke up to 5,000 metres.

The Mount Sinabung volcano is among 129 active volcanoes in the vast archi- pelago country, which is vul- nerable to seismic upheaval as it lays on the Pacific “Ring of Fire.”—Xinhua

**Two rebels died, 4 gov’t soldiers wounded in clashes in N Philippines**

MANILA, 3 Nov—Two suspected members of left- ist rebel group of the New People’s Army (NPA) were killed and four Philippine government troops were wounded in a series of en- counter in the special operations of the military on Saturday in northern Philippine Province of Albay, local military said.

The first clash occurred at Marawa village in Legaz- pi City early in the morning involving around 10 rebels, said Colonel Raul Farnacio, commander of the Philip- pine Army’s 901st Brigade. Four soldiers were slightly wounded in the 10-minute firefight, he said. According to the military, the soldiers were sent to the area after lo- cal residents reported to them that the rebels were harass- ing candidates who won in the recent barangay (village) elections earlier this week.

Government troops pur- sued the suspects after the clash, he said, and another encounter took place a few hours later in nearby Daraga town, resulting to the death of two rebels and recovery of two high-powered firearms.

**Security high alert across Pakistan after TTP chief’s death**

ISLAMABAD, 3 Nov —Security has been put on high alert across Pakistan after the death of Tehrik-e- Taliban Pakistan (TTP) chief Hakimullah Mehsud who was killed in a US drone strike on Friday evening in northwestern region of the country, local media and police officials said on Sat- urday.

According to police offic- ials, deployment of sec- urity and police personnel was increased at all sensi- tive government installations in all the provincial capitals and in federal capital of Is- lamabad besides increasing checking at all exit and entry points of the cities. Security was tightened at the UN con- sulate in provincial capital of Peshawar, eastern city of La- hore and southern port city of Karachi, in an attempt to prevent a possible backlash from Taliban militants.

A big number of Army personnel were deployed in the northwestern District of Dera Ismail Khan, one of the main entrances from the restive tribal region of the country. Police also set up blockades at all entry and exit points of Islamabad be- sides starting random snap checking.

Chief of Pakistan Tale- ban Hakimullah Mehsud was killed in Friday’s US- drone strike that targeted his house and vehicle in the country’s Pakistan’s north- western tribal region of North Waziristan.—Xinhua

The aircraft, a France- made twin engine ATR 72- 600, was carrying two black box units when it crashed in bad weather kilometers from its destination of Pakse Inter- national Airport in the south of Laos.

The unit recovered on Friday is responsible for re- cording radio transmissions made to and from the plane as well as cockpit conversations and ambient sounds. The unit recovered on Wednesday is responsible for recording performance parameters and inputs sent to the aircraft’s electronic systems. The data will provide officials with in- sight into the final tragic mo- ments of flight QV301.

After Lao authorities have examined the units, the aircraft’s manufacturer and the French aviation accident investigation agency will take the units back to France to analyze the data. Full analy- sysis of the black box units’ information could take up to a month.

Lopangkao previously said that the recovery efforts were made extremely diffi- cult by the depth of the river and the strong wet- season current. The murky Mekong water offers almost zero vis- ibility and a dangerous envi- ronment for recovery divers who are forced to navigate the riverbed by touch.

The flight took off from Lao capital Vientiane at 2:45 pm (0745 GMT) on 16 Oc- tober and was scheduled to land at Pakse International Airport in Champassak provin- cie a little over an hour later. The aircraft hit the riverbank before coming to rest in the Mekong just 7 km from its destination. Officials believe the accident may have been caused by poor weather con- ditions in the wake of tropi- cal storm Nari. —Xinhua

A pair of silver chopsticks, and precious gift for the newlywed, at a chopsticks culture festival in Shanghai, east China, on 2 Nov, 2013. A chopsticks store promoted the tradition and culture of chopsticks in Shanghai on Saturday. —Xinhua
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Damascus, 3 Nov —

The Syrian army on Friday morning fully recaptured a strategic town in the countryside of the northern province of Aleppo, securing thus the southeastern entrance of Aleppo. Sfaira came after a series of successful operations by the army, in which hefty losses have been inflicted upon the rebels, the statement said.

It said the recapture of Sfaira would be the “starting point for eliminating the armed terrorist groups” in the southeastern countryside of Aleppo. While stressing its resolve and determination to continue its “war against terrorism, the general command of the army called on all outlaws to take advantage of the recent presidential pardon.”—Xinhua
Gwyneth Paltrow does not care about critics

**Los Angeles, 3 Nov—** Actress Gwyneth Paltrow believes she has reached a point in her life where it does not matter what her critics think.

The actress, who raises two children with rocker husband Chris Martin, says focusing on such things is a waste of time, reported People magazine quoting her interview to Red.

The older I get, I realize it doesn’t matter what people who don’t know you think. It doesn’t matter. You’re wasting your energy,” she said.

“It’s like, if your partner comes to you — or your best friend — and says, ‘Listen, I want to talk about something you did that to hurt me, or I think you could improve,’ sit down and listen to what they have to say.”

The 41-year-old actress said she has made it a point to not read gossip about herself.

“That’s why I really don’t read anything. If it’s important, it filters down to me.”

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**TV’s ‘Duck Dynasty’ waddles its way into country, music that is

**Los Angeles, 3 Nov—** (Tennessee) Already atop the duck hunting industry and cable television, the Robertson family of juggernaut reality series “Duck Dynasty” now has the music charts in their crosshairs.

“Duck the Halls: A Robertson Family Christmas,” which was released this week, features the bearded, down-home-on-the-bayou clan singing traditional Christmas carols and duck-themed songs in the latest addition to their stable of merchandise.

The album, in which the family showcase their work of the squawking duck calls that have made their Duck Commander company leaders in the hunting industry, will also be a test of how the unlikely TV stars can compete head-to-head against Christmas albums by country music’s perennial million-sellers Kelly Clarkson and Trace Adkins.

But Willie Robertson, Duck Commander’s chief executive, is not counting on music being a full-time gig for the “Duck Dynasty” crew, who have also parlayed the A&E Network’s series into a merchandise line sold at big-box retailers like Walmart and Sears.

“We’re not aspiring to be country music stars,” Robertson said in an interview about the album, which was produced by Nashville hitmaker Buddy Cannon.

“When we first went in the studio with Buddy we didn’t know what was going to happen, but we are very proud of the album,” Robertson said.

“Duck Dynasty” drew 11.8 million viewers for its season four debut in August, a record for a cable nonfiction series according to A&E. The show chronicles the Robertson’s rural Louisiana life of hunting, fishing and domestic squabbles among men and women. Critics ascribe its success to fact that the Robertsons are seen as a regular family and viewers can compare their quirks and eccentricities to their own family members.

The TV show has also spawned diverse merchandise, from sporting goods and apparel to the unusual antibacterial bandages and camouflage reclining furniture. A&E’s online store has more than 300 “Duck Dynasty” products.

The family also got a little help on the album from country stars such as Luke Bryan, George Strait and Alison Krauss, who lent their voices to some tracks.

The album includes a few novelties from the long-bearded, camouflage-wearing hunting enthusiasts from West Monroe, Louisiana, along with traditionalists, including “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” and “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.”

“It is definitely from our perspective of a down-home middle-America Christmas,” Robertson said. “There is some funny stuff and then there is some serious stuff.”

Although a strong starting position on the Billboard 200 album chart next week would cement the national appeal of the family’s personas, don’t expect them to be quacking about the album after 23 November. That is the start of duck-hunting season, and the Robertsons will get away from the cameras, leave the manufacturing company behind, and go off into the great outdoors to make sure their duck calls really do work.—Reuters
Arsenal beat Liverpool to open gap at the top

LONDON, 3 Nov — Arsenal maintained their challenge for a first trophy in nine seasons when they beat Liverpool 2-0 at the Emirates Stadium to open up a five-point lead at the top of the Premier League on Saturday.

A brilliantly taken opener from Santi Cazorla, who smacked in a rebound after 19 minutes, and an even better goal from Aaron Ramsey, who stroked a swerving shot with the outside of his right boot after 59 minutes, took Arsenal to 25 points from their 10 matches. Chelsea, who lost 2-0 at Newcastle United after winning their previous six games in all competitions, are second, level on 20 points with third-placed Liverpool.

But Chelsea’s performance did not please their boss, Jose Mourinho, who said: “I did not like my team today, I am disappointed.”

Manchester City, who beat Norwich City 7-0 at the Etihad Stadium; Southampton, who drew 1-1 at Stoke; and Tottenham Hotspur, who play at Everton on Sunday, all have 19 points, but Spurs can move into second place on 22 if they win at Everton on Sunday.

Champions Manchester United continued their improvement after their sluggish start to the season with a 3-1 win at Fulham, and although they stayed eighth, they gained points on some of the teams above them. Liverpool, who had won three of their last four league games and drew the other, started brightly at Arsenal but the home side took a grip on the game after breaking the deadlock.

Ramsey, who has now scored 10 goals this season, told BT Sport: “We got stuck into them and managed to get a goal early, which put us in good shape for the second half, and we managed to finish the job.”

They were full of confidence, they have been in fine form and they showed that early on, but we managed to weather the storm and got the goals.”

Newcastle United’s Loic Remy (R) scores a goal against Chelsea during their English Premier League soccer match at St James’ Park in Newcastle, northern England on 2 Nov, 2013.—Reuters

If Norwich’s John Hughton looked stunned afterwards.

“It’s very difficult, I’ve never suffered a scoreline like that as a manager,” he said. “Man City were outstanding today, but if you left Hughton under increased pressure with his team in the bottom three. Manchester United, putting their shaky start to the season under new manager David Moyes behind them, were convincing 3-1 winners at Fullham with Antonio Valencia, Robin Van Persie and Wayne Rooney wrapping up the points in the first 22 minutes.

Elsewhere, Sunderland finished with nine men at Hull City after Lee Catter-mole and Andrea Dossena were sent off in first-half stoppage time during their 1-0 defeat.— Reuters

Nadal shown for Ferrer, Djokovic with Federer for Finals

PARIS, 3 Nov — World number one Rafael Nadal will face compatriot David Ferrer at next week’s ATP World Tour Finals in London, with the latter’s champion Novak Djokovic and runner-up Roger Federer drawn in the second group on Saturday.

Nadal, featuring for the sixth time but seeking a maiden title at the season-ending event, will also play against seventh-ranked Czech Tomas Berdych and eighth-ranked Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland in Group A.

Ferrer, whom Nadal was facing on Saturday in the Paris Masters semi-finals, is currently world number three.

Title holder Djokovic, who beat Federer last year at London’s O2 Arena to claim his second Tour Finals crown, was drawn in Group B along with fifth-ranked Argentine Juan Martin Del Potro and ninth-ranked Frenchman Richard Gasquet.

Six-time champion Federer, ranked sixth, will feature for the 12th consecutive year at the event where the only big name missing will be Briton Andy Murray, who is recovering from back surgery.

The same eight players were involved in this week’s Paris Masters quarter-finals.

The winner of each group will face the runner-up in the other section in the semi-finals.—Reuters

Golf-Australian PGA champion Popovic to skip title defence

SHANGHAI, 3 Nov — Daniel Popovic will not defend his title at next week’s Australian PGA Championship on the Gold Coast in order to contest the European Tour’s qualifying tournament in Spain. The final round of the Australian PGA next Sunday coincides with the first day of the qualifying tournament.

“For my future and career, and looking to the big picture, I have to go to the European Tour school,” the 27-year-old Popovic said at the WGC-HSBC Champions tournament on Sunday.

“That’s my best opportunity of getting to where I want to be with my career, playing against the better players in the world and challenging myself every week.”

If he does not win a European Tour card, Popovic will head to either the Japan Tour or secondary USGA Tour qualifying school, which means he also might miss the Australian Masters and the Australian Open later this month.—Reuters
Mueller strikes as Bayern equal unbeaten record

Bayern Munich’s goalkeeper Manuel Neuer loses control of the ball prior to TSG Hoffenheim’s goal during their German first division Bundesliga soccer match in Sininsheim, on 2 Nov, 2013.—REUTERS

BERLIN, 3 Nov — Bundesliga leaders Bayern Munich struggled past Hoffenheim 3-1 to reclaim top spot in the Bundesliga on Saturday and equal a 30-year-old league record with their 36th straight game without defeat.

Thomas Mueller scored the winner 15 minutes from time to send last season’s treble winners on their way to victory and the 1-2 of a distant self but Bayern are still enough to equal a 30-year-old record from their dominant self but their last defeat was in October 2012 to Bayer Leverkusen.

“It certainly was not our best performance, but we won,” Bayern coach Pep Guardiola told reporters. “Not everything worked well, which means we have to correct it.

“It has been tight against Hoffenheim in the past few games but today it was us who were lucky.”

Teenager Niklas Suele made the most of a disastrous Manuel Neuer error with the Bayern keeper failing to hold on to a high ball and Hoffenheim going in front in the 34th minute.

This was the first home game for Hoffenheim since their 2-1 defeat to Bayer Leverkusen two weeks ago courtesy of a Stefan Kießling “phantom goal” that went in through the side netting.

The visitors, who needed 20 minutes to get started, levelled five minutes later when Franck Ribery’s low free kick was deflected in by Mario Mandzukic for the Croat’s eighth goal of the season.

With Javi Martinez and Mario Gotze making their first starts for months but Arjen Robben missing through injury, Bayern maintained control of the game but never hit top gear, lacking Dutchman Robben’s pace on the wing. —Reuters

Yemeni security officer injured in car-bomb attack in Aden

YEMEN, 3 Nov — A Yemeni security officer was seriously injured when a bomb exploded in his military vehicle in the southern port city of Aden on Sunday morning, a government official told Xinhua.

An officer in charge of Aden International airport security survived an assassination attempt after a bomb attached to his military car exploded. He was seriously injured,” the local government official said condition of anonymity.

Witnesses told Xinhua anonymously that “the security officer suffered some injuries to his leg, when an explosive device apparently planted in his car exploded in a main street in Aden’s neighbourhood of Khor Maksar.”

The injured security officer was taken to a nearby military hospital for treatment.

No group had so far claimed responsibility for the bomb attack.

The Yemeni government authorities routinely blame militants of the Yemen-based al-Qaeda for a series of assassination attacks, mostly in the country’s southern regions.

The Yemen-based al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, which emerged in January 2009, is considered the most strategic threat to the Yemeni government and neighbouring oil-rich Saudi Arabia. —Xinhua

Egypt to lift curfew on 14 November

CAIRO, 3 Nov — Egypt’s interim govern- ment on Saturday decided to lift the nighttime curfew on 14 November, state-run Ahram website reported.

The curfew, put in place more than two months ago in many parts of the country, will be lifted on 14 Nov following the end of the state of emergency, Minister of Higher Education Hossam Eissa said at a press conference.

However, all security measures across the country will not be changed, Eissa told reporters.

The military-backed government declared a one-month curfew along with a nationwide state of emergency on 14 Aug, after the armed forces launched a crackdown on two major sit-ins of supporters of former President Mohamed Morsi.

The curfew on 12 Sept was extended for another two months over the country’s continued security problems.

Morsi, the country’s first democratically-elected president, was ousted on 3 July by the military responding to massive nationwide protests against his one-year rule. He has been detained in a secret location and faces charges of inciting violence and killing protesters while he was in office.

The curfew originally started from 7 pm to 6 am and has been shortened for several times by authorities.

According to the constitutional declaration issued by interim President Adly Mansour, the emergency state can not be extended for more than three months unless it is approved by a national referendum. —Xinhua
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Union Defence Minister leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 3 NOV — A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lin left here by air this morning to attend the Defence & Security International Exhibition 2013 to be held in Thailand from 4 to 6 November. The delegation was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by senior military officers and departmental officials.

Myanmar (A) team bags four gold, three silver medals in Muay boxing competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 3 NOV — Myanmar (A) team seized four gold medals and three silver in the pre-XXVII SEA Games Muay Test Match. The final matches of the competitions took place today at the Wunna Theikthu Stadium here.

Thailand won one gold and one silver; Vietnam one gold and one silver; Laos one gold and one bronze; Myanmar (B) team one silver and four bronze; Indonesia one silver and one bronze and Malaysia one bronze.

CB Bank launches first-ever e-commerce system

YANGON, 3 NOV — CB Bank has launched a first-ever electronic payment system recently. Hotels, Airlines and online shopping sites can sell their goods and services through online by linking CB Bank. It is CB Bank’s effort for enabling Myanmar to be included in the world financial system.

It will be more convenient for foreigners when Immigration Department implements online payments for e-visa system in cooperation with CB Bank. “The organization launched this system in order that master card holders around the world can make online payments easily,” Executive Vice-Chairman and CEO of CB Bank U Kyaw Lin says.

Slight earthquake jolts outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 3 NOV — A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.9 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar, (Andaman Island, India), about 490 miles southwest of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 13 hrs 24 min 06 sec M.S.T today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

Selected Myanmar women’s boxing team hopes gold

NAY PYI TAW, 3 NOV — Selected Myanmar women’s boxing team is undergoing intensive training at No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw Gold Camp as the XXVII SEA Games is drawing near.

The team is under control of in-charge U Nay Zaw and is in the last stage of preparations. They have been taking exercises three days a week on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday since 27 June. They are equal high of 5 feet and 2 inches. So, their moves in the exercises are very beautiful.

The students are trying hard to show off their skills in four entertainments namely Sekkya Strength, Triangle Strength, United Strength and Technical Strength at the opening ceremony.

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Cambodian cane-ball team expresses thanks to Myanmar media

NAY PYI TAW, 3 NOV — As Myanmar is going to host the 27th SEA Games, nation-wide preparations, training and security measures are being undertaken. Cambodian cane-ball team expressed thanks to Myanmar media for describing news on training sessions of foreign cane-ball teams at Gold Camp in Nay Pyi Taw to take part in the XXVII SEA Games and Pre-SEA Games sports activities through newspapers and journals — Kyaw Thura (Nay Pyi Taw)

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