Myanmar to implement water resource management system to achieve sustainability within 10 years

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov—Myanmar should set its aim of achieving sustain-ability and effective management of utilizing its water resource within ten years by implementing the multi-purpose water utilization management system, said Vice-President U Nyan Tun.

In his address at the meeting 1/2013 of the National Level Water Resource Committee at Ministry of Transport here today, Vice-President U Nyan Tun called for systematic management of water utilization to ensure improvement of socio economy of the people and greening and stability in the country. He also stressed the need for systematic utilization, finding new resource, balancing the land utilization and water utilization and considering the water as a main factor for the economic sector.

The national level committee was formed to implement the multi-pur-pose water management system which guarantees the equity and transparency of water utilization among the people by managing and conserving the water resource carefully in the country.

The vice-president also stressed the need for transparency in writing rules and regulations of the water management system, the national water resource utilization policy and framework.

In his address, he urged the ministries concerned to formulate the rules and regulations to ensure environmental conservation, sustainability and equity and safety of water utilization for the future generation in terms of social, environ-ment and economy needs.

For the management of the country’s water re-source, the national level water resource utilization committee is obliged to closely work together with the international non-gov-ernmental organizations, experts, social organiza-tions and the people, he added.

The participants of the meeting discussed the tasks of the committee, technol-ogy and experiences and is-sues related to development of water resources.

Myanmar, US to strengthen amity, trust, finance and banking industry

YANGON, 4 Nov—EASI Travel Master Card grand launching event of CB Bank was held at Sedo-na Hotel here this morning, with an address by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.

The region chief min-ister said that CB Bank is the first to sell EASI travel master card in Myanmar and it is a pride not only for CB Bank but also for Myanmar banking services. The cooperation between CB Bank and Master Card will strengthen amity, trust, finance and banking indus-try of Myanmar and US governments, he said.

The launch of Electronic Payment System for Myanmar citizens in a short period of time by CB Bank will enable the travelers who visit foreign countries, he added.

CB Bank Chairman U Khin Maung Aye and Indochina Country Manager & Chief Representative Mr. Anton Corro of Master Card World Wide extended greetings.

Next, Vice-Chairman of CB Bank U Kyaw Lin explained the salient points related to EASI Travel Master Card.—MNA

Myanmar, NSW sign MoU on education cooperation

YANGON, 4 Nov—A delegation led by Gover-nor of New South Wales of Commonwealth of Australia Ms Marie Bashir arrived at Yangon International Airport this morning. They were welcomed by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the airport.

The Governor attend-ed the signing ceremony of MoU on education coop-eration with University of Sydney, Sydney Medical School of Common-wealth of Australia, University of Medicine (1) and University of Medi-cine (2) of Myanmar held at the hall of the University of Medicine (1).

The Governor and party visited Shwedagon Pagoda this afternoon and offered flowers, water and lights to the Buddha.

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Slight quake jolts inside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov—A slight earthquake of mag-nitude (3.5) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 6 miles southeast of Thabeikkyin) about (60) miles north of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (10) hrs (00) min (16) sec MST today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MNA
Tampawady New Market to be opened soon

KYAUKPADAUNG, 4 Nov—New Tampawady Market in Kyaukpadaung, Mandalay Region, will be inaugurated in the near future, said the Kyaukpadaung Township Development Affairs Department. The work on construction of the market started on 1 August, 2012, and was completed recently. Members of the Sangha recited parittas on 1 November for smooth opening of the market.

Two injured in head-on-collision between light truck, motorbike

MEIKTLA, 4 Nov—Two people were injured in a head-on-collision on Meiktila-Taunggyi road, here, at 6:45 pm on 31 October.

A light truck driven by Than Tun Oo, 38, of Tawma Village collided with a motorbike with black colour driven by Tun Tun Min, 28, of Pandawsat Village, at mile post No. 691 near Defence Services Textile Factory on Meiktila-Taunggyi road. The motorcyclist and Ma Nyin Nyein (a) Ma Phyu Ma of Aungzeyar region from the light truck sustained injuries in the accident.

The reckless drivers have been charged under Sections 337/338 of Criminal Law by SIP Zaw Wai Kyaw of Myoma Police Station. U Tin Hlaing (Meiktila) police station has filed a case.

Flood victims return home in Pyinmana Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov—As flood caused by Paunglaung River has subsided recently, villagers of Gyotan, Inthta, Thayasu and Zephupin villages in Pyinmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area returned home as of 31 October.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Col Myint Aung Than and departmental officials visited the villages on 1 November and supervised chlorination at wells and lakes, repair of damaged bridges and roads in Zephupin Village.

They inspected the condition to provide assistance for cultivation of substitute crops on flood-ravaged farmlands and encouraged the local people.

Villagers hand over ivory piece to local authorities

NGAPUTAW, 4 Nov—Villagers handed over a part of ivory they found on a street to local authorities in Ngaputaw Township on 29 October. U Aye Ko and U Kyaw Kyaw of Tawgyi Village-tract in Ngaputaw Township found the ivory piece which is 6.2 feet in length and 4.2 feet in circumference weighting 14 viss on the Pathetin-Mawtin Road on 28 October.

The local authorities handed over the part to local officials of the police station.

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Anti-Narcotic Drives

Arms, raw opium seized in Loikaw

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov—According to a tip-off, the members of No (25) Anti-Drug Squad (Taunggyi) of Shan State together with witnesses searched the house of Nay Lin Aung (a) Maung Wi (38 years old) in Kontha Village of Kontha Village-Tract in Loikaw Township on 31 October. They found Ma Maw Ni Ka (a) Mukale (38 years old), wife of Nay Lin Aung and two children. They also found one .22 long barrelled gun, one hand-made gun, a long barrelled shotgun, one air gun, one grenade, magazines, ammunition and 1 kilo of raw opium. Loikaw Myoma police station filed a lawsuit against the two suspects and action is being taken to arrest Nay Lin Aung (a) Maung Wi.

Headmistress Daw Mya Mya Thein, teachers and the students from No. 17 Basic Education Primary School of Dala take physical exercises in the morning on 1 November to learn school subjects effectively.

Min Ye Mann (Nay Pyi Taw)

Responsible person ask the passsenger who are on board Dala-Pansodan Jetty to ride and take off the ferry to be safe. A passenger can be seen in a hurry to get ready to land on the jetty.

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Kyaikto-Yangon special shuttle rail service achieves success

Passengers were thronging at Kyaikto Station on 20 October to get tickets for the Special Train running between Yangon and Kyaikto until there was no ticket left.

Once the open season sets in, Kyaikto Station is flooded with passengers who make pilgrimage to Kyaiktiyo Pagoda.

Meanwhile, the number of visitors to the golden rock pagoda reached a record high in October two months before the pilgrims peak season.

Passengers are hoping for more cars at the special train and more shuttles as the number of visitors to Kyaikto is increasing day by day.

The AC special train launched its maiden service on 7 September, running from Yangon to Kyaikto every Saturday and from Kyaikto to Yangon every Sunday, with over 100 passengers on board.

Passengers found it comfortable on the up and down trains.

Over 260 passengers on board of the Yangon-Kyaikto Up-train on 19 October (Saturday) and over 376 passengers on board of the Kyaikto-Yangon Down-train on 20 October (Sunday), according to the Head of Kyaikto Railways Station.

Myanmar Railways earned K 1,054,200 and USD 20 from the special train service on 20 October. It’s glad to hear the achievement of the Myanma Railways. The news that delight the pilgrims is that the Myanmar Railways has a plan to operate the special train service daily or to increase the shuttle service.—Kyemon (Kyaikto-Yangon Sex)
Obama, Democrats seek to make Virginia governor’s race a Tea Party referendum

WASHINGTON, (Virginia), 4 Nov — President Barack Obama and fellow Demo- crats attempted on Sunday to tap into voter anger about a 16-day US government shutdown and turn Virginia’s upcoming governor’s election into a referendum on Tea Party conserva- tives. With Democratic candidate Terry McAuliffe leading polls over Republic- kan Ken Cuccinelli before Tuesday’s vote, Obama and Democratic speakers at a rally in the Washington suburb of Arlington pressed the gunnary activists to focus on turning out the vote.

The election is going to say a lot about Virginia’s future, and the country’s future,” said Obama.

Addressing a crowd of about 1,600 people in a high school gymnasium, Obama said the Tea Party was “will- ing to hijack their party, the country and the economy and bring progress to an ab- solute halt if they don’t get 100 percent of what they want.” Speaker tried to Cuccinelli, a conservative who is the Virginia attorney general and an opponent of abortion, to the Tea Party movement: pointing out he had Tea Party favorite Ted Cruz, a senator from Texas, speak at an event for him two weeks ago.” He re- fused to speak out and tell Ted Cruz to stop the govern- ment shutdown, stop hurting Virginia families,” said Democratic Senator Mark Warner of Virginia, himself a former governor. “He stood with the Tea Party and not with Virginia families.”

McAuliffe asked, “Could you imagine if Ted Cruz and Ken Cuccinelli and the Tea Party ran the Virginia government?” The Tea Party attacks by the Democrats are only the opening rounds of a battle that will play out over the next year leading up to the November 2014 mid-term congressional elections.

US President Barack Obama delivers remarks at a campaign event for Terry McAuliffe (L) for Governor in Arlington, Virginia, on 3 Nov, 2013. — Reuters

Suspected LA airport gunman planned ‘suicide’ mission

LOS ANGELES, 4 Nov — The suspected gunman in last week’s deadly attack at Los Angeles Interna- tional Airport wrote a note saying he intended to die after killing at least one security officer, the chair- man of a key US security committee said on Sunday.

Twenty-three-year-old Paul Anthony Ciancia also discussed weaknesses in airport security in the “suicide” note before Fri- day’s attack, Michael Mc- Caul, the Republican chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security told CNN.

Ciancia is accused of shooting dead a Transpor- tation Security Adminis- tration officer, the first em- ployee from the agency to die in the line of duty since it was created after the September 11 attacks in 2001. Airport police shot and wounded the gunman, ending the rampage.

It’s clearly one of those notes that reads, “I’m going to kill people and I don’t want to kill civil- ians,” with the idea that he’s going to die at the end of this,” McCaul, who said he had read the note, told CNN. He said the note “talks a lot about killing TSA agents, and he said, ‘I just kill one, my mis- sion is accomplished.’”

In a criminal com- plaint filed on Saturday, in- vestigators said they found a handwritten letter signed by Ciancia in his bag that addressed TSA officials, writing that he wanted to “commit suicide and use your traitor- ous minds.”

It was immedi- ately clear whether McCaul was referring to the same note mentioned in the complaint.

Investigators have de- cided to discuss a possible motive for Ciancia’s re- ported grievance with the TSA. — Reuters

Kerry sees signs Egypt moving back towards democracy

WASHINGTON, 4 Nov — The US General Assem- bly has approved a plan to monitor near-Earth objects through an international net- work and change their pro- jected trajectories to avoid impacts, people familiar with the plan said on Sunday.

It will be the first time that countries have respond- ed to the potential threat of near-Earth objects through UN-led international co- operation. So far, countries have conducted individual studies on how to deal with asteroids, and lunar and Mar- tian meteorites. The General Assembly approved the plan after Yuichiro Harukawa, technical counselor of the Japan Aerospace Explora- tion Agency, who serves as chairman of the UN Com- mittee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space presented it dur- ing a session on 22 October. A meteor that flew over Rus- sia’s Chelyabinsk region in February has increased calls for international collabora- tion to monitor and deal with near-Earth objects more ef- fectively.

Japan is considering how to participate in the plan, which was compiled early this year by the Vi- etnam-based COPUSO. The countries’ mission is to define the creation of an International Asteroid Warning Network, which would link astronomical observatories and radar fa- cilities around the world to ensure the discovery, track- ing and observation of near- Earth objects. In case of a credible impact threat, the IAWN would ensure that information on such objects is gathered expeditiously, while informing COPUSO and other bodies.

The plan also envis- ages establishing a Space Missions Planning Advisory Group comprising space- faring nations that would consider measures to alter the trajectories of near-Earth objects to avoid impacts by using rockets and unmanned space probes. But because countries use radar technology to monitor satel- lites and other objects around the Earth for military as well as scientific purposes, they may find it difficult to reach a consensus on how much information to share with the envisaged network. — Kyodo News

Turkey scrambles fighters to intercept Syrian, Russian warplanes

ANKARA, 4 Nov — Turkey has scrambled F-16 fighter jets to inter- cept the Russian and Syr- ian warplanes that were flying close to the coun- try’s air space, a Turkish military statement said on Sunday.

Two F-16 fighter jets were sent to intercept a Syr- ian SU-24 warplane, which was spotted approach- ing the Yayladagi town of southern province of Hatay near the border, said the General Staff of the Turkish Armed Forces, adding that the Russian aircraft retreated 3.8 miles.

The armed forces also said that Turkey scrambled another four F-16 jets after a Russian IL-20 warplane came close to Turkish air space from the Georgian side and flew parallel of the Black Sea coast. The Rus- sian aircraft largely flew 15 miles away from the Turk- ish air space.

The similar incidents have taken place since Turkish jets shot down a Syrian heli- copter in September near Hatay as the Syrian chopper was flying over the Turkish airspace, according to local media. — Xinhua

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Chinese high-speed trains venture overseas

BEIJING, 4 Nov — Parallel to the development of domestic high-speed rail, the Chinese government and rail enterprises are actively seeking customers overseas. In a meeting with a trade ministers from the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) last week, Premier Li Keqiang thanked them for traveling by high-speed train from south China to Beijing, calling it a real “roadshow” for Chinese high-speed trains.

Thailand, an ASEAN member, plans a high-speed rail network in the next seven years to satisfy its business and tourism demands.

On a state visit to Thailand in early October, Li pushed China’s willingness to participate in the project, stressing that “railway cooperation can become a new highlight in China-Thailand cooperation”. An exhibition of Chinese high-speed rail also kicked off in Bangkok during his visit. Not only Thailand, countries including the United States, Russia, Malaysia, Singapore, Brazil and Turkey are mooring their own high-speed railway projects. The Australian government has completed a feasibility study into a proposed high-speed rail route along its east coast.

With the world’s longest operational line for bullet trains that run at more than 200 km per hour, China wants to take part in projects overseas. “China’s high-speed railway is advanced in technology, safe and reliable, and has a cost advantage,” Premier Li told Australian Governor-General Quentin Bryce in a meeting in Beijing in mid-October. Zhou Li, a senior director at China Railway Corporation, said China had learned by absorbing technology from various countries to create its own technology. By the end of September, China had nearly 10,000 km of high-speed railway lines in operation and had solved technical challenges on various complex geographical problems.

History of high-speed rail in China is not long. The first line, linking Beijing and the neighboring port city of Tianjin, was inaugurated in August 2008. On 23 July, 2011, 40 people died when a high-speed train hit a stationary train near Wenzhou, casting a shadow over high-speed railways and leading to a nationwide safety check and stagnation of construction.

Jetmakers feud over seat width with big orders at stake

PARIS, 4 Nov — A row has flared up between leading planemakers over the width of tourist-class seats on long-distance flights, setting the tone for a bitter confrontation at this month’s Dubai Airshow.

The dispute focuses on the width of seats provided on long-haul flights for economy passengers — not always the ones most courted by airlines, but whose allocated space holds the key to efficiency claims for the latest jets offered by Airbus and Boeing.

Airbus (EAD.PA) this week called for an industry standard that would provide for a seat at least 18 inches wide in economy cabins, but its US arch-rival Boeing (BA.N) says it should be for airlines to decide.

The dispute comes as planemakers vie to sell ever-larger versions of their twin-engined long-distance aircraft, with potentially record orders expected at the 17-21 November event. How the back of the plane is laid out — particularly whether seating is 9 or 10 abreast — is critical to the economic performance claims being made for new “mini-jumbo” jet designs.

Boeing says its revamped “777X” will hold 406 people based on economy seats over 17 inches wide and set out 10 in each row. Airbus says the competing version of its A350 will carry 350 people in 18-inch-wide economy seat laid out 9 abreast. Plane giants often trade blows on technical matters through advertising in the trade press.

Now, Airbus is appealing directly to the public ahead of the Dubai Airshow, where the 777X is expected to be dopamine with over 100 orders.

It recently previewed what may be the start of a new ad war by showing fanatics a slide illustrating three people squashed together at a restaurant, titled “Would You Accept This?”

“We should be scaling distance flying in seats narrower than regional turbo props,” said Airbus sales chief John Leahy.

As diets change, people get bigger but plane seating has not radically changed. Between the early 1970s, when the Boeing 747 jumbo defined modern long-haul travel, and the turn of the century, the weight of the average American woman, 40- to 49-year-old male increased by 10 percent, according to US Health Department Data.

Emerging economies nearing half of global warming emissions

OSLO, 4 Nov — Total greenhouse gas emissions by China and other emerging nations since 1850 will surpass those of rich nations this decade, complicating UN talks about who is most to blame for global warming, a study showed on Thursday.

Developing nations accounted for 48 percent of cumulative emissions from 1850 to 2010, according to the study by the PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, research group Ecoinf and the European Commission’s Joint Research Centre.

“Somewhere in the current decade the share of the cumulative historical emissions of developing countries will surpass that of developed countries,” a statement said.

Developing nations’ emissions are rising fast and the report predicted that their share of cumulative emissions would reach 51 percent by 2020. Almost 200 governments will meet in Warsaw from 11-22 November to discuss plans for a new, global deal to fight climate change meant to be agreed in 2015 and to enter into force from 2020.

“Discussions at the UN climate negotiations tend to focus on which countries have contributed most to climate change,” the study said.

The biggest emitters since 1850, taken as the start of widespread industrial use of fossil fuels that emit greenhouse gases when burnt, were the United States, China, the European Union and Russia, it said. China, with 1.3 billion inhabitants, argues that its per capita emissions since 1850 are still far below those of developed nations, meaning it has less responsibility to rein in emissions than rich nations.—Reuters
Swisscom builds ‘Swiss Cloud’ as spying storm rages

ZURICH, 4 Nov — Swisscom is building a “Swiss Cloud” that could become the frontrunner in a novel class of cloud services to protect user data from the prying eyes of foreign intelligence. The move would bring an umbrella term for technology services such as email and business software offered remotely via the Internet instead of on-site — to cut costs and make its systems more dynamic.

Still, as the technology suffers from illegal threats progresses, Koenig says it will start to make more sense to store data in locations where strict privacy laws make it harder to retrieve sensitive information. “Data protection and privacy is a long tradition in Switzerland, and that’s why it’s pretty difficult to get to something,” Koenig said. But if legal requirements are there and we are asked by the judge to obtain or deliver certain information then we would obviously have to comply with it.”

Unlike the United States, where the 2001 Patriot Act and the 2008 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) gives US intelligence agencies the power to carry out mass information gathering, Swisscom would have to receive a formal request from a prosecutor before allowing access to data.—Reuters

High cure rates seen with Merck oral hepatitis drugs

NEW YORK, 4 Nov — A combination of two oral hepatitis C treatments developed by Merck & Co led to high cure rates in previously untreated patients, indicating the company is a contender in the race to find new treatments for the liver destroying virus.

The treatments tested with and without the older drug led to cure rates of 96 percent to 100 percent, according to interim data from a small midstage clinical trial. The results appear to confirm Merck will be competitive in the crowded race to develop interferon-free treatments for hepatitis C, assuming they are repeated in larger studies that include more difficult to treat patient populations, such as those not helped by prior therapy.

The 65-patient, 3-arm study tested MK-5172, a protease inhibitor, combined with MK-8742 from a highly promising new class of drugs called NNSA inhibitors for 12 weeks of treatment. —Reuters

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WASHINGTON, 4 Nov — The United States on Friday issued new import rules for cattle and beef that will comply with international standards for the prevention of mad cow disease, saying the step could ultimately boost US beef exports. The European Union said the US move would bring a welcome re-opening of a market closed to its beef since January 1999. Lawmakers and industry groups also welcomed the news, saying it would help the United States regain access to markets that have been closed for decades.

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As part of the new revisions, the US Department of Agriculture said boneless beef could be exported because research has shown the meat poses a negligible risk of mad cow disease. Until now, imports were restricted from most nations that had reported a case of the disease. The USDA said the new revisions, which will be published in coming days and take effect 90 days after publication, will help US beef re-enter the EU and other markets.

Reuters

US manufacturers refashion themselves as ‘lifestyle brands’

CHICAGO, 4 Nov — Call it concealed-carry chic: With all 50 US states now permitting people to pack pistols in public, it was only a matter of time before some company came to market with an apparel line targeting the gun-toting consumer. The Remington Arms Co, which has been making firearms for nearly 200 years, has just unveiled a collection of clothing and accessories, including the “Smoothe Brow Field Coat” ($1,295) and the “Double Derrick Leather Vest” ($300). In drawing a bead on the apparel market, Remington becomes the latest US manufacturer to try rebranding itself as a “lifestyle brand” as a way to bolster its bottom line.

Next up is Winneba- go Industries Inc, the US maker of recreational vehicles. In October, the Forest City, Iowa-based motorhome manufacturer announced an agreement with Brandenburgian, a New York-based licensing agency, to put the Winnebaggo name on a range of outdoor fashion acces- sories Andreas Koenig told Reuters the telecom provider’s decision to set up a home cloud was unrelated to the winning of US tech companies have cut on-site — to cut costs and make their IT departments.

But revelations that the Swiss telecom company Swisscom AG is seen at an office building in Zurich on 19 July, 2013. — Reuters

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Roche poised for deal to get back into antibiotics

GENEVA, 4 Nov — Swiss drugmaker Roche is poised to get back into antibiotics by taking over a candidate drug being developed by privately-owned Polyphor, the NZZ am Sonntag paper said on Sunday, without citing a source for the information. The paper did not give any details of the transaction, but said the contract would be signed this weekend.

Roche’s Chief Executive Severin Schwan said last month that the company was interested in “bolt-on acquisitions”.

But a company spokes- man declined to confirm the report on Sunday, saying the firm did not comment on rumors. “We have an open and pragmatic approach to R&D and have mentioned in the past that antibiotics is an area where a lot of interesting science is going on,” Roche spokesman Daniel Grotzky said in an emailed reply to a query.

Polyphor, based in Allschwil in Switzerland, said in March it had successfully completed a Phase I clinical trial for its POL7080 drug, a Pseudo- domonas specific antibiotic, which it said had shown outstanding efficacy against sepsicaemia, peritonitis and lung and thigh infection. Polyphor says POL7080 is a novel class of antibiotics that can tackle bacteria that have grown resistant to other drugs.

Drug-resistant “super-bugs” are growing but not yet widespread and pharma- ceutical companies have cut back research into antibiot- ics since they are unlikely to generate blockbuster profits.—Reuters
Israel confirms military drone crashing in Gaza Strip

JERUSALEM, 4 Nov — Israeli army confirmed on Sunday that an Army drone had crashed in the Gaza strip earlier in the day. The Israel Defence Force (IDF) denied earlier reports by Palestinian media, according to which Hamas militants took control of the drone as it flew over the Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza.

“The Skylark UAV system crashed earlier today in the Gaza strip due to technical malfunction,” an Israeli army spokesperson told Xinhua, adding that the army “is looking into the matter.” The Skylark is equipped with electro-optical camera and can transmit high resolution pictures of the ground during both day and night time.

The Israeli army used the Skylark also in the 2006 Lebanon War and the Gaza War in 2008. The Israeli army spokesperson would not specify which activity the drone has performed on Sunday.

The incident occurred during a time of increased tension at the Israel-Gaza border.

On Thursday night, the Israeli Army killed four Palestinian militants and wounded several others during an operation against a recently exposed smuggling tunnel from Gaza to Israel. On Friday night, militants fired a rocket at the Eshkol regional council in southern Israel, with no injuries or damage reported.

Nine killed, fifteen wounded in violent attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 4 Nov — At least nine people were killed and 15 others wounded in violent attacks in Iraq on Sunday, police said.

Two policemen were killed and six others wounded when a suicide car bomber attacked a police station in the central city of Baquba, 60 km northeast of Baghdad, a police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Two other suicide bombers tried to enter the police station after the first blast, but they were stopped by police guards, the source added. Earlier, a suicide car bomb attack a police checkpoint in Tall Afar, 70 km west of the northern city of Mosul, killing two policemen and wounding three others and a civilian, the police source told Xinhua.

Two Iraqi soldiers were killed as unidentified gunmen traveling in a car fired at an army checkpoint with automatic weapons in eastern Mosul, 400 km north of Baghdad, he added. An army officer was killed and three soldiers were wounded when a roadside bomb targeted an army patrol in the area of Yusifiya, just 20 km south of Baghdad, the police source said.

At least 21 people wounded in bomb attacks in Iraq

TICKET, 4 Nov — At least 21 people were wounded in separate bomb attacks in Salahuddin Province in north of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad on Monday, a provincial police source said.

One of the attacks occurred in the morning when a car bomb went off while the convoy of Lieutenant Colonel Dawood al-Sahan, the chief of the police station, was leaving the gate of the police station in eastern Shingat, some 110 km north of the provincial capital city of Tikrit, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Minutes later, two suicide bombers blew themselves up at the scene, the source said. Al-Sahan escaped the attacks unharmed while 11 civilians and three policemen were wounded, the source said. In a separate incident, a car bomb exploded at a police checkpoint outside the police academy in the southwestern entrance of Tikrit, some 170 km north of Baghdad, wounding four civilians and three policemen, the source said.

The blast took place about 500 meters away from a recruitment center where dozens of recruits were gathering, the source added. Salahaddin province is a Sunni dominated province, and its capital Tikrit is the hometown of the former president Saddam Hussein.

Tour boat sinks off eastern Thailand, killing six

BANGKOK, 4 Nov — A tour boat capsized and sank near Thailand’s popular seaside town Pattaya on Sunday, killing six tourists, including a Chinese.

The double-decker ferry left Koh Lan island for a 30-minute trip to Pattaya on Sunday evening. It carried 30 tourists and one Chinese died in the accident.

It first deck rushed to the second floor, and the boat flipped on one side and even took on water. However, passengers on the first deck shouted and ran to the second floor. One of the attacks occurred in the morning when a car bomb went off while the convoy of Lieutenant Colonel

Pakistan Taleban appoints Asmatullah Shaheen as acting chief

ISLAMABAD, 4 Nov— The Tehreek-e-Taleban Pakistan (TTP), or Pakistan Taleban, has appointed Asmatullah Shaheen as their interim leader after differences emerged among various ranks to replace the former TTP Chief Hakimullah Mehsud who was killed in a US drone strike on Friday, local media quoted unidentified sources as saying on Sunday.

Earlier reports said that Khan Syed alias Khalid Sajna had been appointed as the new chief of TTP, but a spokesman from Pakistan Taleban’s South Waziristan chapter later denied the report and said the new chief of TTP will be elected in the next couple of days.

Asmatullah Shaheen, also known as Asmatullah Bhittani, is a leader of TTP in Pakistan’s northwestern tribal region of South Waziristan, and he will be in charge of running the daily affairs of TTP, said the report.

Shaheen, who is among 20 most wanted Taleban militants in Pakistan, is also the head of Consultative Body, a decision-making committee of Pakistani Taleban that will choose the new chief, the report said.

Local media said that Shaheen was selected for the post for an interim period after differences emerged among various ranks of Pakistan Taleban in selecting the new leader.

Former TTP chief Mehsud, with a 5 million US dollars bounty on his head announced by the United States, was killed along with his aids when a drone targeted his vehicle and house in the militants’ stronghold of North Waziristan.

On Saturday, after the funeral of Mehsud, the Consultative Body of Pakistan Taleban held two separate meetings at undisclosed locations in two different regions, but could not succeed in reaching consensus over one name.

At a meeting held in north western tribal region of North Waziristan, Khalid Sajna was named for the post of new chief.

But, a group of Consultative Body that reportedly met at unknown place in Nuristan Province of Afghanistan opposed the result and suggested another person.
LOCAL NEWS

56 relief camps opened in Toungoo District for flood victims

Toungoo, 4 Nov—Heavy rain hit Toungoo, Yedashe and Ottwin townships of Bago Region and set the new record of rain fall. Due to heavy rain, local people suffered floods in the region.

On 1 November, a total of 31109 people of 7711 households became flood victims. During the period from 28 October to date, 11898 people from 2951 households from six wards and 10 village-tracts in Toungoo Township, 17619 people from 4481 households from 15 village-tracts of Yedashe Township and 1592 people from 279 households of one village-tract in Ottwin Township are being accommodated at 56 relief camps.

Bago Region government, Southern Command Headquarters, local authorities, political parties, social organizations and wellwishers donated cash and kind to the flood victims. Due to raising the water level at Sittoung River, two people in Yedashe Township and one in Toungoo Township drowned in the flood water.

Yangon-Mandalay Highway was covered with three feet deep water. So, vehicles small and large ran along the detour.

On 31 October, Ma The, 20, of Ward 19 in Toungoo who stays at the relief camp in Toungoo Basic Education High School No. 5 gave birth to a baby. The midwife took care of her. Chairperson of Toungoo District Women’s Affairs Organization Daw San Htar Phyu donated K 100,000 and baby utensils to the mother. Then, the baby’s mother was sent to Toungoo General Hospital to give further medical assistance to her.—MMAL-Kyaw Hla (Toungoo)

Sittoung River overflows farmlands

Kyiwe Pyre, 4 Nov—A total of 12 village-tracts and farmlands in Ottwin and Htantabin townships of Bago Region along the bank of Sittoung River were flooded in the untimely heavy rains.

The flood was not caused in the rainy season, but it happened at the harvest time. Thus, harvesting paddy plantations were damaged in the flood.

Under the leadership of Township Administrator U Kyaw Shwe, departmental officials, members of social organizations and wellwishers carried out rescue and relief works and provided packets of food and rice, drinking water and foodstuffs to the flood victims.

Knowledge shared to trainees at women’s vocational school

Haka, 4 Nov—An educative talk on health, traffic rules and human trafficking in persons was held at the hall of Women’s Vocational Training School in Haka of Chin State on 29 October.

It was attended by Secretary of Chin State Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Kyi Swe, departmental officials, course instructors and trainees.

The responsible persons from Haka Anti-Human Trafficking Squad gave lectures on prevention against trafficking in persons, the deputy commander of Township Police Force crime reduction, officials of Traffic Police Corps enforcement of traffic rules, the assistant surgeon of Haka People’s Hospital health knowledge and the head of Township Traditional Medicine Department facts about Myanmar traditional medicines.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Promotion of cooperation in Myanmar, China discussed

Yangon, 4 Nov—Vice-President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Zaw Win Min, Joint General Secretary U Aye Lwin, U Myo Thant and CEC members, Deputy Director General Mr Han Shengtian and party of China Development Bureau held a talk at the UMFFCCI Office on 30 October afternoon.

They discussed promotion of cooperation in Myanmar and China businesses and exchange of technology. They signed the MoU on promotion of trade and investment between entrepreneurs of two countries.

MMAL-UMFFCCI

Trade promotion discussed at Tamu border trade camp

Tamu, 4 Nov—The trade promotion meeting No. 7 was held by Commercial and Consumer Affairs Department (Myanmar-India) of Ministry of Commerce at its camp in Tamu on 31 October.

Deputy Director U Min Aung Aye of the Tamu Border Trade Camp explained progress of trade and trade policies and Head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Khin Maung Cho tax regulations for the trade.

MMAL-Township IPRD

MMAL- Win Naing (Tamu)

Photo shows a damaged road section caused by flood.

Ayadaw, 4 Nov—Heavy monsoon hit Ayadaw Township of Sagaing Region recently.

The heavy rain caused overflow of Yoe Creek. In consequence, road section from mile posts 404/1 and 403/1 on Monywa-Ayadaw-Shwebo Road was inundated and damaged near Nabahla Village, east of Ayawdaw.

Fortunately, the overflow of water filled the farmlands in Myenyt Village and Zeebinwaing Village. That is why local people are pleased with irrigating their farmlands.

MMAL-Township IPRD

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Myanmar U-23 (B) opens first tune-up match with victory

Yangon, 4 Nov—Myanmar U-23 (B) team formed with the aim of contributing to Myanmar U-23 team that will take part in the XXVII SEA Games played a tune-up match with Myawady Club of First Division at Padonma Sports Ground, here, on 2 November.

In the match, Myanmar U-23 (B) routed Myawady with a 3-1 result.

In the first tune-up match, Myanmar U-23 (B) unveiled its achievement curtain. Despite taking a few days in training, the U-23 (B) showed off its brilliant performance. Soe Min Naing, Ye Aung, Nanda Lin Kyaw Chit and Aung Myint Tun played series of passing and kicks to threaten the net of Myawady.

In the first half, Ye Aung and Soe Min Naing scored winning goals for Myanmar U-23 (B).

In the second half, Ye Wai Yan Soe could score an equalizer for Myawady.

Later, Yan Naing Htwe added one goal as third for Myanmar U-23 (B).

MMAL-U-23 (B). Photo: Soe Nyunt

MMAL-Win Naing (Tamu)

Floods destroy road section, but irrigate plantations

MMAL-Township IPRD

MMAL- Township IPRD

Relief Activity

Photo: Soe Nyunt

MMAL- Township IPRD
People-centred newspapers

We are now in the process of changing our media landscape in all spheres beginning from its very foundation so that it can have the capacity to incorporate into global media mainstream. In so doing, we will surely need assistance from countries at the forefront in economic, media and technical development.

Myanmar a country in democracy transition is extending cordial relations with all the global countries whether they are from the East or the West.

Because of this new international relations policy, even the countries which had icy relations or downgraded their relations with us in the past are willingly re-engaging with our country now.

Thanks to the adoption of market economy and Investment Law that meets the prevailing conditions, companies from global countries are putting more and more investments in our country.

Now we are transforming the media of our country into people-centred industry. We understand that in certain democratic countries, the social responsibility-based media industry is flourishing together with media freedom.

So we need to study the Press policy, the interpretation of the media, media development, and the cooperation of the government, organizations and people in those countries.

The Fourth Estate of Myanmar is in the mission of amending or substituting media laws that are not in conformity with the provisos of the Constitution. There is only Press freedom in Myanmar and no more pre-publication censorship at all.

State-run dailies are introducing public service media as per the democracy. As the foundation of the new system that focuses on majority interest is public aspirations, the dailies will become people-centred newspapers.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Chairman of Environment Protection and Resources Conservation Committee of NPC of PRC

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by Mr Lu Hao, Chairman of the Environment Protection and Resources Conservation Committee of the National People’s Congress of China at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, this afternoon.

Present at the call together with the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw were Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Resources and Environmental Conservation Committee U Lun Thi, Secretaries of Pyithu Hluttaw U Thein Lwin, U Ko Ko Tun, Member of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission Daw Aye Aye Mu and officials from the Hluttaw Office.

SMEs promotion to be in added momentum

The presidents and secretaries of the respective Sports Federations should be ready to participate in the SEA Games as it is only 36 days to the sport activities. The Ministry of Sports and all Myanmar Sports Federations should cooperate with each other to fulfill the requirements of all technical delegates and jury/coaches from abroad, he added.

The workshop runs till 8 November.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann shakes hands with EPRCC Chairman Mr Lu Hao of NPC of China.—MNA

Workshop on Executive Training in Government Information Leadership held

Then, Mr. Tomasz Janowski Head of Center for Electronic Governance United Nations University-International Institute for Software Technology discussed about overview of the Executive Training Course.

Workshop on Executive Training in Government Information Leadership held

A ceremony to open Workshop on Executive Training in Government Information Leadership was held at Summit Parkview Hotel in Yangon this morning. Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Htut and Head of Office Mr. Sandar Umar Alam of UNESCO Myanmar extended greetings. —MNA
**Pyithu Hluttaw approves...**

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issue related to illegal migrants in accordance with the law, he added.

During the today’s session, U Myo Thant of Yedasse Constituency submitted an emergency proposal urging the government to provide assistance to farmers in Nay Pyi Taw Zeyathiri Township, Pyinmana Township, Lewe Township, Yedasse, Otwin and Htanbin townships in Bago Region as their crops were damaged by the floods in the last week of October, and to urgently release the rules and regulations related to the Farmers Rights and Protection and Raising Interest Law.

Pyithu Hluttaw has put the proposal on record.

U Min Swe of DaikU Constituency has asked Pyithu Hluttaw which measures would be taken to grant land ownership certificates to farmers and if there any plan to supply equipments for land survey work and to assign staff for the work.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than replied that the work on granting land ownership certificates to farmers launched on 1 January, 2013 and the work has been completed by 86.91 percent so far.

Ten sets of RTK-GPS (1Base+1Rover set) and 25 sets of Total Station have been bought and supplied to region/state land survey departments, he added.

According to the deputy minister, the ministry has planned to buy 260 sets of RTK-GPS and 100 sets of Total Station through the tender system in the 2013-14 FY.

So far, 1600 staff have been assigned at the Land Survey-5 positions as from 1 March, 2013 and 3775 have been hired as daily waged labourers as from 1 August for three months, the deputy minister said.

The meeting will resume on 6th November. **MNA**

**Union Peace-making Work Committee meets ...**

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Vice-Chairman of the work committee Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace making Committee U Thein Zaw said the work committee was authorized by the President who in his message expressed his belief that the resolutions and future programmes adopted by Laiza peace conference would contribute to rebuilding peace in the country.

Chairman of the work committee Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham has also conveyed his greetings to all ethnic leaders and representatives, he added.

The Speaker of Pyiduangsu Hluttaw said now is a time peace efforts are being made to bring about genuine peace, rule of law and tranquility, the fundamental elements for re-form process of the country.

International countries, United Nations and international organizations are willingly offering assistance to Myanmar with its peace efforts. In addition, the parliaments ofars and international peace committees and taking part in internal peace process since their convening.

Moreover, Fundamental Rights, Democracy and Human Rights Commit tee has been in operation. Measures are under way to enact ethnic nationalities protection law that can facilitate the internal peace process. Parliamentary constitutional review committee is also reviewing the institution to resurrect national unity and reconciliation.

Member of the central committee Union Minister Li-Gen Thet Naing Win explained the president’s peace speeches and the views of the commander-in-chief of Defence Services on peace-building.

Li-Gen Myint Soe from Commander-in-Chief Office (Army) said he was glad to see ethnic armed groups sitting around the negotiation table and the army is committed to take peace in peace and so are the president and the commander-in-chief of Defence Services. He said no one should doubt that the army would undertake whatever duty assigned to it. He said the military represents the State, people, sovereignty and territory. Now, the ceasefire has achieved certain progress. He said he believed that the negotiation would lead to further stage toward ceasefire and peace, aspired by people and national brethren.

General Saw Mutu Sae Poe said that he was glad to meet with armed ethnic groups and responsible persons from Union Peace-making Work Committee. KNU had accepted the government’s peace-making process, many lives and households were destroyed by over 60-year long conflicts. Thus, he said, they had realized that the conflicts cannot be solved on battle ground at the 15th KNU Conference but through political means at negotiation table. He said KNU leadership has made clear their positions in meeting with the President and the Commander-in-Chief and was completely honest in peace process. He said that KNU wanted to make further discussions to achieve internal peace.

After that, the state chief minister and leaders of the armed ethnic groups discussed matters relating to ceasefire and peacemaking processes.

At the conference, members of the work committee of the armed ethnic groups U Naing Han Tha of New Mon State Party (NMSP), U Kun Okkar of United Nationalities Federal Council (UNFC) and Minor Gun Maw discussed the agreements of the Laiza conference and Vice-President U U Aung Min and Lt-Gen Myint Soe explained and discussed over the proposals.

Political analysts said that conference is an important step toward national-wide ceasefire and the lasting internal peace, which are the wishes of entire national people, the government and ethnic armed groups. **MNA**

**Support to reform of MPF in crowd management and community policing kicks off**

YANGON, 4 NOV— Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint attended the opening ceremony of support to reform of Myanmar Police Force in the areas of crowd management and community policing at Yangon Drug Eliminating Museum on Kyuntaw Road, here, today.

The deputy minister said that this course is the fruitful result of meeting between the President and EU’s officials during the President’s visit to European countries. EU conducts the course aiming at building capacity of Myanmar Police Force. He thanked EU for their support of body armour to Myanmar and for lecturing police officers and other ranks of MPF.

He urged those present to concentrate on their learning to be able to engage in crowd management internationally and carry out police duties for prevailing law and order.

Afterwards, EU Ambassador Mr. Roland Kobia explained the purpose of EU’s supports to Myanmar. General Manager of International Management Group Mr. Dino Biccato said that IMG continues cooperation with MPF, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the President Office, the local administrative body, the Hluttaw legal affairs committee, social organizations and concerned agencies for the interests of Myanmar people.

Next, IMG leader Mr. Friedrich Schwindt gave an account of role of police in a country. A total of 200 police officers and other ranks would take the course to be held at Pyinmabin No. (8) Police Battalion in Mingaladon Township from 5 to 20 November.

EU would provide 10 million euro for the 18-month project of support to reform of Myanmar Police Force in the areas of crowd management and community policing.—**MNA**

**Preparations for 27th SEA Games**

Chairman of the committee for preparations for opening and closing ceremonies of the 27th SEA Games Union Minister for Culture U Aye Kyi inspected progress of preparations for XXVII SEA Games.—**MNA**

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**Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint and participants of training course pose for documentary photo.—**MNA**

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**Foreigners enjoy Bagan Temple Marathon in Bagan ancient cultural region**

**Yangon, 4 Nov—**The Yangon Airbus-Taxi line who runs its route crossing Zwe Gabin mountain ranges, southeast of Myanmar, will ply Bangkok-Mae Sot-Myawady-Hpa-an-Yangon-Mandalay-Kalay-Tamu-Imphal route on alternate days.

The bus line operates 20 mini buses that can give 36 seats to the passengers for the route as of 28 November 2013.

Thanks to the border crossing highway buses, peoples of neighbouring countries can promote friendly relations and forge peaceful co-existence. In addition, the runs of the highway bus line hail Myanmar’s efforts for hosting XVII SEA Games and extra-territorial rights for ASEAN. Myanmar’s efforts for hosting XVII SEA Games and establishing transport links across the border will make the transport system more accessible and will assist in the development of other transport infrastructure.

**Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry holds talks for development of private trade sector**

**Mandalay, 4 Nov—**Executive of Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry and sister associations held a meeting at its office in Chanayethazan Township on 2 November. Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan explained the tasks of Private Trade Section Development Subcommittee.

Chairman of the Chambers U Aung Win Khaing reported on implementation of Myotha Industrial Park, Himekhoon Port and trade development zone. Secretary of Mandalay Industrial Zone Management Committee U Maung Maung Oo explained inflow of cheaper machinery and parts from neighbouring countries, higher cost of labour and production charge as root cause for suspension of 25 per cent of SMEs and prospects of assistance for them.

The deputy minister and the directors-general of Trade Promotion Department and Commercial and Consumer Affairs Department reviewed the discussions.

**Monument of Sayagy Shwe Myeik Maung to be posted in Myeik**

**Myeik, 4 Nov—**The monument to honour well-known encyclopaedia compiler, reporter, writer, poet, photographer Sayagy Shwe Myeik Maung (U Tun Kyaw) will be erected in the compound of Myeik Yay-myitkyi Shanphaya Ordination Hall Monastery near Kyweku-Kyaunkpha Bridge in Myeik of Taninthayi Region.

Organized by U Tar Naing (Zun Maung Maung), Chairman of Alinthit Speed Boat Line (Yangon), the monument will be posted on 21 December 2014 in commemoration of the 45th anniversary of the demise of the Sayagy.

The biography of the Sayadaw will be described with Thai, Japanese, Chinese, English and Myanmar languages. Excerpts of works of the Sayagy will be presented there for public observation.

More monuments will be marked for Dhamma Yaungyi library well-wisher U Pu (Goldsmith), researcher Major Tin Ohn (Rtd), artist Myeik Win Htein, writer-cum-lawyer U Thaung Sein, Sayamgyi Daw Yin Yin Nu, U Soe Myint (Soekkan) and U Soe Myint (Soo-Sarpay) in the precinct of the monastery. —Kyemon-Lay Thayegaung (Meiktila)

**PyinOoLwin prepares for hot-air balloon festival**

**PyinOoLwin, 4 Nov—**The hot-air balloon festival at Mcha Arthechoo Kantha Pagoda will be held for the ninth time this year. The festival will run from 14 to 18 November. Domestic product shops, companies, entertainments and hot-air balloon festival will be included in Buddha Puja ceremony for Root Cause for suspension of 25 per cent of SMEs and prospects of assistance for them.

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**National Sports**

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**Regional**

**Woman selling sea urchin lunches for 30 yrs model for “Amachan” grandma**

Morioka, Japan, 4 Nov — Kunie Kudo, who has been selling sea urchin boxed lunches to railway passengers in northeast Japan for 30 years, is said to be one of the models for the charismatic grandmother of the main character Aki Amano in NHK’s hit drama “Amachan.”

Business has been booming for the 74-year-old Kudo ever since the morning drama began in April, with about 10 times as many customers as before flocking to buy her lunches at Kuji Station in Iwate Prefecture. They’ve remained just as popular even after the drama ended in late September.

“Thanks to Amachan, I get to know a lot of people,” Kudo said in a recent interview. “It is the greatest honour of my life.” In the TV drama, the much-loved “Natsubappa” (Grandma Natsu) sells sea urchin lunches while also working as an “ama,” one of Japan’s all female fishing divers. Kudo, herself, however, only makes and sells boxed lunches. Her lunches, heaped with fresh sea urchin, are so popular that they often sell out within 30 minutes of her Sanriku Rias-Tei restaurant at Sanriku Railway’s Kuji Station opening in the morning. Their quick disappearance from the shelves has earned them the sobriquet of the “phantom lunch.”

“We used to sell salmon roe boxed lunches and stuffed squid with rice as well, but only the popular sea urchin boxed lunches survived in the end,” she said. Kudo was born to a poor family in the Iwate prefectural capital of Morioka as the oldest daughter among six children. She supported the family by repairing shoes among other jobs. She started selling boxed lunches on trains in 1985. She used to wake up at 3 am, shouldering about 100

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**Beijing plans to ratchet up promotion of visa-free stays**

Beijing, 4 Nov — Beijing will produce more incentives and work harder to promote its 72-hour visa waiver to attract more transit passengers. Authorities in the Chinese capital said they are considering offering discounts at hotels and shopping areas for tourists, as well as working more with airlines to publicize the policy more.

Beijing Capital International Airport’s planning and development department said visitors might get exclusive discounts on dining and free accommodation if they spend a certain amount at the airport.

The Beijing General Station of Exit and Entry Frontier Inspection also said it will cooperate more with airlines, flight associations home and abroad, and tourism bureaus to make sure more travelers are informed of the visa exemption. The station promised to simplify the transit application process. Ji Lixia, the general station’s assistant director, said the process has become easier than it was earlier this year, when applying for the visa exemption took a lot of time and effort, and that it now takes tourists only two minutes after they land.

“Our staff members are fluent in English and 18 other languages to ensure the language barrier does not stand in the way of transit tourists,” she said. “The number of daily applicants has soared to 60. That’s impressive compared with the handful of tourists in January.” A Russian visitor who arrived in Beijing on Friday said it was the first time he had tried the 72-hour visa waiver, and found it convenient. “I found information about the visa exemption on the Internet,” said Sergey, who declined to give his last name. “I will go on a business trip to Japan, and it’s very convenient to check out China before that, and it’s without a visa.”

**Philippine NGO marks 10th anniversary helping Filipino-Japanese**

Manila, 4 Nov — A nongovernmental group set up to help Filipinos born to Filipino-Japanese parents acquire Japanese citizenship marked the 10th anniversary of its founding on Sunday with a pledge to Press on with its mission.

Hiroyuki Kawai, a Japanese lawyer who founded the Philippine Nikkeijin Legal Support Center in Manila 10 years ago, told the gathering that he is determined to carry on with his work and help members of the Filipino-Japanese community improve their livelihoods.

Kawai, the center’s chairman, was born in China in 1944 and, before coming to the Philippines, devoted 25 years of his life to helping Japanese nationals displaced in China around the end of World War II to regain their Japanese citizenship.

Some 150 people, most of them Filipinos of Japanese descent, attended the anniversary celebration.

According to the center, there are an estimated 3,000 Filipinos born of Japanese men who married local Filipinos after they came to the Philippines before or during World War II. Only 101 of them have managed to secure Japanese citizenship.

Apart from an aging second-generation of Filipinos of Japanese descent, popularly known as “nikkeijin,” some third-generation nikkeijin in the Philippines are also seeking Japanese government recognition as Japanese nationals.

Among them is Juzeven Austero, 44, a third-generation Filipino-Japanese who serves as the center’s president.

In a speech, Austero said he is glad that Kawaii and the organization have started to help the Japanese-Filipino community with its economic development programme.”

**Shanghai subway seeks input on design**

Beijing, 4 Nov — Shanghai’s subway operator invited residents to vote for the decoration design plan for the Disneyland metro station, which will run to Shanghai Disney Resort. Shanghai Shentong Metro Group Co Ltd released its six proposals for the decoration of the Disneyland station over the weekend and asked residents to select the most aesthetically pleasing plan.

The most popular plan will become an important reference when the station is decorated, the company said.

Shanghai Shentong Metro Group Co Ltd and Shanghai Disney Resort said that domestic and overseas design teams submitted 10 design plans in the past two months.

The decoration plan is required to integrate Chinese elements, Shanghai culture and The Walt Disney Co features. Under those conditions, six of the proposals qualified for public voting. Residents can visit the company’s website, shemtro.com, or its micro blog to get more information on the six design plans. Voting will end on 17 November, and the results will be announced at the end of the month. The Disneyland Line, an extension of Metro Line 11, is expected to open at the same time as Shanghai Disney Resort, which is expected to open in Pudong New District in 2015.

This is a rendering of a castle at the Shanghai Disney Resort in Shanghai, east China. Intended to open at the end of 2015, the resort will initially be comprised of Shanghai Disneyland, a Magic Kingdom-style park as well as two themed hotels, a large retail, dining and entertainment venue, recreational facilities, a lake and transportation hubs. Covering an area of 1.16 square km, the theme park inside the 3.9-square-km Shanghai Disney Resort will be the world’s sixth Disney amusement park and the first on the Chinese mainland.
Singapore uses anti-stick paint to fight illegal ads

SINGAPORE, 4 Nov — Singapore is using an anti-stick paint to tackle the sticky issue of illegal ads at train stations, along the roads and on pillars and lamp posts, local media reported on Monday. The Land Transport Authority has called a tender to apply the solution at 367 locations on the island by 2017 after finding that anti-stick paint is effective in licking the problem, the Straits Times said. The tender also calls for anti-stick clear coatings with high transparency that can be applied to glass or plastic panels.

It is illegal to paste the advertisements, which can range in size from Post-It note to A4, on undesignated places such as the subway stations, pillars and lamp posts. They also leave unsightly stains after being removed, especially when strong adhesives are used. The Land Transport Authority began a trial of anti-stick paint in 2009 at a success. Since then, the anti-stick paint has been applied at 252 locations. The authority previously said that the move would help it save about 100,000 Singapore dollars (80,000 US dollars) a year.

The latest tender will expand the coverage to most places here where complaints about illegal ads are common. Besides applying anti-stick paint, the authority has, since 2010, expanded the coverage to heavy pedestrian traffic to give people a better option. It costs 50 cents a day to put up an A5-size ad. A spokesman for the Land Transport Authority said there were fewer illegal ads at areas which have notice boards, and anti-stick paint. “These initiatives together with regular enforcement and public education have been effective in preventing the pasting of illegal advertisements on street infrastructure,” he explained.

E-commerce Platforms Competing for Double 11 Day

BEIJING, 4 Nov — Ahead of so-called Singles’ Day on the 11th of this month, online sales have already begun peaking. CRI’s Liu Min has more. The leading e-retail platform, tmall.com, has promoted its fifty-percent-off discount to lure consumers. They are also trying to attract buy- ers through social media. Vice President of tmall.com Wang Yulei says more than 20 thousand online stores have joined the Single’s Day campaign. “The number of stores going to join the Double 11 Day promotion has doubled. We haven’t got a final number of how many products going to be on sale yet. But so far, we’ve seen many more products planned to be on shelves with discounts.”

During last year’s Single’s Day, tmall.com, together with taobao.com, reached a record high of 19.1 billion yuan in sales volume, which considered a hallmark in the e-commerce history of China. Singles Day was first started by Chinese college students in the 1990s as an antithesis to Valentine’s Day, a celebration for people without romantic partners, but the tradition was based on the date: 11 November—or double 11—for singles. Unat- tached young people would treat each other to dinner or give gifts to woo that special someone and end their single status. But now, the Singles Day has been promoted as a kind of grand craze just for the shopping season kicks off, thanks to thousands of discounted products being promoted online. Taobao.com was the first big e-retail platform which used the double 11 deal to promote sales. Taobao.com reached one million yuan worth of sales volume on that day in 2009, when they first promoted the Singles Day idea.
Holocaust memorabilia found on eBay - UK newspaper report

LONDON, 4 Nov—EBay has removed from its listings around 30 items of memorabilia from the Nazi Holocaust, including clothes worn by concentration camp victims, after a newspaper investigation discovered they were on sale on the e-commerce website, Britain’s Mail on Sunday said.

The newspaper said its reporters found a range of items on the site over the past week, including what was presented by the vendor as a complete Auschwitz uniform worn by a Polish baker who perished in the Nazi death camp.

The Mail on Sunday said it had alerted eBay (EBAY.O) and that the online auctioneer had removed 30 items from sale and offered to make a donation of 25,000 pounds to a suitable charity.—Reuters

YouTube hopes to boost music profile with new awards show

NEW YORK, 4 Oct—Does the world really need another music video awards show? The answer is yes - at least according to YouTube.

The online video-sharing site is rolling out its first YouTube Music Awards on Sunday, with a show that pairs established industry stars such as Lady Gaga and Arcade Fire along with performers from the Google-owned (GOOG.O) video site.

The show will boost YouTube’s profile just weeks before the site is expected to announce a subscription service that will compete in an already crowded music marketplace. “On a practical level (YouTube has) put people on the map and it’s generated revenue or other resources like support or recognition from people that normally would not get the exposure,” said Reggie Watts, a performance artist who, along with actor Jason Schwartzman, will host the event.

The awards categories are limited but clearly meant to differentiate the YouTube awards from the Grammys or the MTV Music Video Awards, which grabbed attention this year after a raunchy performance by former Disney star Miley Cyrus in a feat that turned into a more adult career.

YouTube will also name a video of the year and an artist of the year, with a slate of nominees including Justin Bieber, Selena Gomez, Eminem, Katy Perry and other top-40 mainstays. But the categories also range more broadly. “Response of the Year” will pick the best fan remix, parody or response. Other categories include YouTube Phenomenon, breakthrough and innovation of the year.—Reuters

Invitation to Open Tender for Tender 2013-B-OVS ' 1.

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Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 4 November, 2013 at Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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Inirduction in Encinitas, California, on 16 April, 2013.

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**Muatai, Jeptoo win NY Marathon in Kenyan sweep**

**NEW YORK, 4 Nov —** Defending champion Geoffrey Mutai and Prisciah Jeptoo won the men’s and women’s races at the New York City Marathon on Sunday for a Kenyan sweep in chilly, windy conditions through the city’s five boroughs.

After last year’s race was cancelled due to damage inflicted on the city by Superstorm Sandy, the race marked a triumphant return as a record 50,740 runners started from the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge that connects Staten Island to Brooklyn.

Mutai took over front-running Ethiopian Bu- zunesh Deba with about two miles to go to win going away in two hours, 25 minutes and seven seconds and claim a huge payday in a race that began in 46 degrees F (8 Centigrade) with winds of 17 mph (27 kph). London Marath- on winner Jeptoo trailed 2011 New York runner-up Deba, who lives and trains in the Big Apple, by nearly four minutes before shifting into catch-up mode from the 16-mile mark to reel in her rival, who suffered from stomach cramping during the race.

The win brought Jep- too a World Marathon Majors bonus of $500,000 ($313,893 pounds) in addi- tion to the New York prize money of $140,000.

“This is a great mo- ment for me, and this is a day I will not forget for the rest of my life,” said Jep- too. Deba finished second, 49 seconds back, in a race run under tight security in the aftermath of April’s Boston Marathon bomb- ings with twice NYC win- ner Jelena Prokopcuka, 37, of Latvia third.—Reuters

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**Halep wants to keep having fun after breakthrough season**

**SOFIA, 4 Nov —** Un- heralded Romanian Simona Halep is vowing to keep the fun factor in her game fol- lowing her victory in the Tournament of Champions on Sunday at the end of a breakthrough season on the women’s Tour. The 22-year- old won the season-ending event in Sofia on Sunday, beating former US Open champion Samantha Stosur 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 in a thrilling fi- nal to cap a remarkable six months which has lifted her to number 11 in the world rankings.

After a mediocre start to the year, Halep caught fire in June, winning titles at Nurnberg, Den Bosch and Budapest, then add- ing crowns at New Haven and Moscow to become the only player to taste success on three different surfaces this season. With increasing success comes more expec- tation, but Halep, who came from 3-0 down in the final set against Serbia’s Ana Ivanovic in the semi-finals, said she was not going to make ambitious plans at the expense of enjoying her time on court.

“Next year will be tough because I’ll have to defend all the points,” Halep, who started the week ranked 14th in the world, told a news conference. “But I don’t want to make any plans. I won a lot of ti- tles this season, I played re- ally well and it’s not going to be easy next season. I just want to enjoy my time on the WTA tour and to feel the pleasure in every moment on the court.”—Reuters

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**Van Persie, Rooney hit form before Sociedad clash**

**MANCHESTER, 4 Nov —** Manchester United’s hopes of silverware this season will likely rest on the shoulders of Robin van Persie and Wayne Rooney and manager David Moyes believes the attacking pair are starting to move into top gear.

The Dutchman and the Englishman scored in Sat- urday’s 3-1 victory at Ful- ham as the champions put a slow start to their domestic campaign behind them and gave themselves a lift be- fore Tuesday’s Champions League Group A clash at Real Sociedad.

It was the fourth time that they have netted in the same game under Moyes, who is in his first season in charge after taking over from decorated Scottish compatriot Alex Ferguson, and Van Persie now has six for the season in the Pre- mier League, with Rooney on five.

“I thought there were real signs of great combi- nation between them and they made the goals for each other,” Moyes said at a news conference.

“There was good link- up play and I just started to see really good signs from the two of them,” added the 50-year-old.

“It was great they both got on the scoresheet be- cause that is what forwards do and I have always said you need these boys to get a hat-load of goals if you are to be successful.

“They are both incredi- bly talented and understand each other and the talents they both bring with them.”

United captain Neman- ja Vidic also praised the two forwards.

“I was really pleased with Robin and Wayne,” the Serbian center back told United’s tele- vision channel MUTV. “In the first 30 minutes they played terrific football and we need them to keep doing that.

“Their movement was terrific; they got a goal each and set up the other for An- tonio (Valencia). It was a good sign for us and for the team.”

Victory for United at Sociedad’s Anoeta sta- dium in San Sebastian will put them within touching distance of a place in the last 16 and end the Basque club’s first foray into the Europe’s elite club com- petition in a decade.

The Liga side’s 1-0 defeat at United last month left them without a point after three of six matches and their exit will be confirmed even with a draw on Tuesday if Bayer Leverkusen beat Shakhtar Donets in the group’s other game in Ukraine.

United are top on seven points, Bundesliga side Leverkusen have six in second and Shakhtar are third on four.—Reuters

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**Djokovic grinds down Ferrer to take Paris title**

**PARIS, 4 Nov —** Novak Djokovic beat defending champion David Ferrer of Spain 7-5 7-5 to win the Paris Masters on Sunday and keep alive his hopes of recla-iming the world num- ber one spot by the end of the year.

The Serb recovered from a break down in both sets to snatch his third con- secutive title, and the 40th of his career, following victories in Beijing and at the Shanghai Masters last month.

“I knew that coming into the match I was go- ing to have to work for my points,” Djokovic told a news conference.

“Her unbreakable pressure makes you feel like you have no free points. He was going to run for every ball. He’s a great competitor, one of the most respected guys on tour be- cause he works hard and he’s very humble and he’s a very personable guy.”

It is the first time Djokovic, the 2009 Paris Masters champion, has won back-to-back Masters Se- ries events since his successiv- e triumphs in Rome, Ma- drid and Montreal in 2011.

“Summer was up and down and now again I’m playing at a very high level and have lots of confidence in myself, in my game,” said Djokovic, who had not won a title since the Monte Carlo Masters in April prior to his success in Beijing.

He could still over- throw world number one Rafa Nadal if he wins next week’s ATP World Tour Finals in London and the Davis Cup final with Ser- bia, who host Czech Re- public in Belgrade later this month.—Reuters

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**Simona Halep of Romania returns a shot to Samantha Stosur of Australia during the WTA Tournament of Champions final match in Sofia on 3 Nov, 2013.**

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Chiba Pref issues PM2.5 air pollution alert

Chiba, 4 Nov — Chiba Prefecture just east of Tokyo warned its residents on Monday not to go outside as the toxic air pollutant PM2.5 could exceed the limit set in national provisional guidelines. It was the first such warning issued in the greater Tokyo region under an alert system launched in March. The hourly average density of PM2.5 between 5 am and 7 am topped 85 micrograms per cubic metre, meaning it could exceed the daily average limit of 70 micrograms set under the guidelines, the prefectural government said.

Densities of 88 micrograms to 127 micrograms were measured at three points in the city of Ichihara, it said, adding the cause of the rise is unknown. The hazardous particulate matter, measuring below 2.5 microns, or 2.5 thousandths of a millimetre, is believed to be brought by westerlies from China, where PM2.5 has been causing serious air pollution and health problems.

US serviceman arrested for alleged drunken driving in Okinawa

Naha, (Japan), 4 Nov — A US serviceman was arrested Sunday for alleged drunken driving in Okinawa Prefecture, police said.

Christopher Hardy, a 22-year-old officer at the US Kadena Air Base in the prefecture, was five times over the alcohol limit, the police said, citing a respiratory test. The incident came to light after a car Hardy was driving traveled in the wrong lane and crashed into a taxi around 8:15 am in the village of Kita-Nakagami, a village of Okinawa Prefecture, Tuesday, 5 November, 2013.

European roundup — Roma’s record run ends, Bayern roll on

London, 4 Nov — AS Roma’s record-breaking 100 percent run in Serie A came to an end after 10 successive victories with a 1-1 draw at mid-table Torino on Sunday.

Bayern Munich won in Germany to stretch their unbeaten streak to 36 games and equal Hamburg SV’s 30-year record.

Arsenal extended their lead at the top of the English Premier League to five points by beating Liverpool 2-0 and in Spain Barcelona won a tight local derby against Espanyol 1-0 to stay top.

ITALY

Leaders AS Roma lost their 100 percent record when they were held to a 1-1 draw by Torino in their 11th game of the season.

Kevin Strootman gave Roma a halftime lead before Alessio Cerci scored against his former club just after the hour, only the second goal they have conceded all season. Roma, who have 31 points, stayed three clear of Napoli and Juventus.

Jose Callejon and Marek Hamsik gave Napoli a 2-1 win over lowly Catania and Paul Pogba’s late goal earned Juventus a 1-0 win at Parma.

Inter Milan, 3-0 winners at Udinese, and promoted Hellas Verona, 2-1 winners over Cagliari, are a further six points behind.

ENGLAND

Arsenal reinforced their title credentials by opening up a five-point lead at the top of the Premier League with a 2-0 home win over Liverpool.

Superb strikes from Santi Cazorla and Aaron Ramsey capped an impressive all-round display from the north London club ahead of a difficult trip to Borussia Dortmund in the Champions League. Second-placed Chelsea lost ground with a shock 2-0 defeat at Newcastle United but Manchester City thrashed Norwich City 7-0 and champions Manchester United clicked into gear with a 3-1 win at Fulham.

Tottenham Hotspur and Everton missed the opportunity to go second and close the gap to Arsenal when they drew 0-0 at Goodison Park on Sunday.

SPAIN

Unbeaten leaders Barcelona, second-placed Atletico Madrid and their city rivals Real in third recorded contrasting victories ahead of Champions League games against AC Milan, Austria Vienna and Juventus respectively.

Champions Barca edged a tight Catalan derby at home to Espanyol 1-0 on Friday when Neymar’s brilliant pass set up Alexis Sanchez to score in the 68th minute at the Nou Camp.

The biggest surprise of the night was that World Player of the Year Lionel Messi failed to score for a fourth successive league match in which he played the full 90 minutes, the Argentinian forward’s worst run in almost six years.

Cristiano Ronaldo struck twice and record signing Gareth Bale made two assists in Real’s nervy 3-2 win at bottom side Rayo Vallecano on Saturday.

David Villa and Diego Costa scored in Atletico’s comfortable 2-0 success at home to Athletic Bilbao on Sunday.

Barca have 34 points after 12 matches, with Atletico on 33, a club record for this stage of the season, and Real on 28.
Pyithu Hluttaw approves Media Bill

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov — Pyithu Hluttaw approved the Media Bill today after discussing the bill’s para-
graphs amended by Amyo-
tha Hluttaw. “There is a need for professional accountability in the on-line media and I hope that it would run in ac-
cordance with the rules and regulations in the future. We discussed “account-
ability and responsibility” many times at Pyithu Hlutt-
taw today,” said U Khaing Maung Ye, a representative from Ahlon Constituency.

Daw Khin Saw Wai of Ratheadaung Constituency has urged the Union Gov-
ernment to urgently carry out the combined mea-
sures for security, immi-
gration and administra-
tion which are better than the ones in the past for the sake of the national inter-
est of Rakhine State. Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn, Deputy Min-
ister for Border Affairs, replied that the Union Gov-
ernment has been implement-
ing the short-term and long-term plans for peace and stability in Buthidaung and Maungtaw in Rakhine State.

He also urged Pyithu Hluttaw to put the propos-
al on record as the Union Government would review the proposal to be able to ensure overcoming chal-
lenes in the state.

For the peaceful coex-
istence of the communities in Rakhine State, the govern-
ment has worked hard to improve the socio-economy of local people and Maungtaw region has enjoyed community peace, the Dep-
uty Minister said.

The government is also seek-
ing ways for timely completion of taking cens-
sus in the areas in 2014 and taking measures for grant-
ing citizenship to eligible people and for tackling the (See page 9)

Salaries, allowances, insignia for authorities at different level discussed at Amyotha Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov—Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Lin Aung submitted the bill amend-
ing the salaries, allowance and insignia law for Union level individuals, the bill amending the salaries, al-
lowance and insignia law for region or state level individuals and the bill amending the salaries, al-
lowance and insignia law for self-administered divi-
sion or zone leading body chairman and CEC mem-

Upon their arrival, they were welcomed by Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin and wife Daw Lin Lin Tin, Depu-

Two young girls of the Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Cul-

ture presented bouquets to the Governor-General of Commonwealth of Aus-

tralia and her spouse who took salute of the Guard of Honour. National rac-
es of the department and students also welcomed them waving miniature flags along both sides of the entrance road to Nay Pyi Taw International Airport. —MNA

Union Peace-making Work Committee meets leaders, reps of ethnic armed Organizations

Participants in dialogue between Union Peace-making work committee and ethnic armed organizations pose for documentary photo. —MNA

Significant temperature (4-11-2013)

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AC CVO and spouse Mr. Michael Bryce AM AE being welcomed by Union Minis-
ter U Wunna Maung Lwin at Nay Pyi Taw Interna-
tional Airport. —MNA

Australian Governor-General arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

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