**Australia to offer scholarships to Myanmar university students**

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—A ceremony to welcome Her Excellency the Honorable Mrs Quentin Bryce AC CVO, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and her spouse Mr Michael Bryce AM AE by President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Kyi was held at the lawns of the Presidential Palace here this morning. The visiting goodwill delegation was greeted by a Guard of Honour and youth scouts.

After the welcoming ceremony, President U Thein Sein and the Governor-General held talks at the Credentials hall of the Presidential Palace.

Both sides had a cordial discussion on Australia’s cooperation for success of Myanmar’s political reform processes, providing scholarships to Myanmar students from universities and technological universities, training courses and technical assistance for capacity building of lectures, outstanding Myanmar students’ learning in Australia, availability of teaching aids in basic education schools, teachers’ access to modern teaching methods, construction of necessary buildings in schools of rural and border areas, expanding women’s employment opportunities and women’s participation in peace-making processes, providing aids for maternal and child welfare works and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), Myanmar’s farm sector development and big investment by Australian entrepreneurs.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Ministers U Winna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thane, Dr Pe Thet Khin and Dr Myint Aung, acting Union Minister Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Ministers U Ye Htut and Daw Sanda Khin, the Myanmar Ambassador to Australia and officials.

The Governor-General was accompanied by Mr Michael Bryce AM AE, the Australian Ambassador to Myanmar and officials.

At noon, President U Thein Sein and wife hosted a luncheon to the Australian delegation at the Presidential Palace. It was also attended by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, Vice-President U Nyan Tun and wife Daw Khin Aye Myint, the Union ministers, the deputy ministers, the Australian Ambassador and officials.—MNA

**President U Thein Sein and Honorable Mrs Quentin Bryce AC CVO, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia seen in the welcoming ceremony.—MNA**

---

**Ambassador U Ko Ko Latt accredited to Saudi Arabia**

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Ko Ko Latt, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the State of Kuwait, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.—MNA

---

**Inside**

**China services industry picks up ahead of party plenum**

**US Vice President Biden to visit Japan, China, S Korea in December**

**China needs 7.2 percent GDP growth for employment: premier**

**S Korea told to redress Korean man from Japan over false spy charge**

---

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar**

**Press Release Team**

**Press Release No. 17/2013**

**3rd Waxing of Tazaungmon, 1375 ME**

**(5th November, 2013)**

**Press release on peace talk between Union Peace-making Work Committee and ethnic armed organizations for nation-wide ceasefire**

1. The peace talks for signing the nationwide ceasefire deal between Union Peace-making Work Committee and ethnic armed organizations were held in Majwel Hall in Myitkyina in Kachin State on November 4-5, 2013. It was attended by Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee Union Minister U Aung Moe and party and leaders and reps of ethnic armed organizations. UNSG’s Special Representative to Myanmar Mr Vijay Nambiar and Asian Special Representative of the People’s Republic of China Wang Ying Fan also attended the meeting as observers.

2. The nationwide ceasefire common principles of ethnic armed groups (Laiza Agreement) drafted by Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team (NCCT) formed with leaders of ethnic armed organizations were discussed and transferred to the Union Peace-making Work Committee.

3. Similarly, the nationwide ceasefire accord between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and ethnic armed groups drafted by the Union Peace-making Work Committee was transferred to the Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team.

(See page 8)
**LOCAL NEWS**

**Hailing XXVII SEA Games**

**1000-mile cyclist honoured**

A 1000-mile cyclist seen on road of cycling race.

**Main News**

**International trade training courses to be launched in November**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 5 Nov—**

The Trade Training Institute of the Ministry of Commerce has been lecturing businessmen on international trade since April 2012.

Giving knowledge about international trade, the institute nurtures new generation of traders.

The ministry has also planned to open international trade basic training course No. (4) and advanced international trade training course No. (3) in the third week of November.

Those who are interested in it may receive application forms for the four-month courses at No. 228-240, the Directorate of Trade (Yangon branch) under the Ministry of Commerce on Strand Road in Pabedan Township, Yangon, as of 30 October. Kyemon

**Odd News**

**Grenade discovered in Magyayung Tsp**

YANGON, 5 Nov—A 36 grenade was found in a pit near 8th-mile junction in Magyayung Township on 3 November.

U Maung San, 35, and another 12 workers found a grenade while digging a hole in the ground for repairs of ground power lines of a traffic light.

As they informed Magyayung Township police station, officials concerned, military engineers and witnesses rushed to the scene and examined it.

After a closer examination, it was taken to the police station.—Kyemon-Zaw Gyi-Panita

**Plan to draw group fixtures for football event of SEA Games on 6 Nov**

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—The opening ceremony of drawing the group fixtures of men’s football event and women’s event of the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar will be held at Wunna Theikdhi Stadium here on 6 November.

A total of 11 men’s teams and eight women’s teams will take part in the football tournaments at the Stadiums of Thuwunna in Yangon and Wunna Theikdhi in Nay Pyi Taw and Women’s Football games at Mandalay Stadium.

Host Myanmar, defending Champion Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Singapore, Laos, Timor, the Philippines, Cambodia and Brunei will compete in the men’s event.

Likewise, host Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Laos, the Philippines and Timor Leste will participate in the women’s event.

Women’s Football game was not included at 2011 XXVI SEA Games in Indonesia.

Kyemon-Sai Nly Lay

**Man arrested with opium speciosa**

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—

The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Kyemon-Police Information

**Photo shows men arrested with opium speciosa.**

**Anti-Narcotic Drives**

**One suspect seen with heroin blocks.**

According to the investigation, they were ordered to sell heroin blocks by Salim from Muse Township.

They took the heroin blocks inside gear box of the white van from Muse to Mandalay and Khin Maung Htwe and Kyaw Sein Oo accompanied them to help sell those heroin blocks.

A lawsuit was filed against the four suspects by No (9) Myoma Police Station under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Kyemon-Police Information

**Police arrests three women on gambling charges**

MEIKTILA, 3 Nov—Acting on a tip-off, the local police raided a house in Meiktila where gambling were reported and seized cash and arrested three gamblers on 3 November.

The police arrested three women and seized cash during the raid.

Daw Tin Aye, 72, the owner of the house, Ma Tin Mar Win, 40, and Ma Inn Gyi, are charged with gambling by the Meiktila No. 3 Police Station.

U Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)

**Accident**

**One dead as two motorcycles collide head-on**

MEIKTILA, 5 Nov—One woman was killed when the two motorcycles collided head-on in Meiktila on 2 November.

According to the police, a motorcycle driven by L/Cpl Kyaw Tun Oo, 24, of Meiktila Ground Training Base, carrying his friend Ma Sandar Win, 40, and her four-year-old daughter collided head-on with a motorcycle driven by Aung Ba Thar Kyaw, 20, near Mahlaing-Pintale Junction on Meiktila-Myintyan Road.

Ma Sandar Win got injured and died on the way to hospital. The two drivers are charged under Section No-337/304 (A) at No-2 Police Station.

U Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)

**Driver loses control, hits restaurant**

MEIKTILA, 5 Nov—A vehicle struck a restaurant in Meiktila on 31 October, leaving two injured. The Parado was travelling on Yangon-Mandalay Road when the driver lost control.

Ma Thwe Thwe Zin, 35, and Daw Khin Ohn Myint, 60, who were in the restaurant when the crash happened, got injured.

Furniture worth over K 150,000 were destroyed by the crash.

The driver, identified as 37-year-old Tun Aung Kyaw, was charged with reckless driving at No 2 Police Station in Meiktila.—U Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)

**Crime**

**Police arrests three women on gambling charges**

MEIKTILA, 3 Nov—Acting on a tip-off, the local police raided a house in Meiktila where gambling were reported and seized cash and arrested three gamblers on 3 November.

The police arrested three women and seized cash during the raid.

Daw Tin Aye, 72, the owner of the house, Ma Tin Mar Win, 40, and Ma Inn Gyi, are charged with gambling by the Meiktila No. 3 Police Station.

U Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)

**Plan to draw group fixtures for football event of SEA Games on 6 Nov**

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—

The opening ceremony of drawing the group fixtures of men’s football event and women’s event of the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar will be held at Wunna Theikdhi Stadium here on 6 November.

A total of 11 men’s teams and eight women’s teams will take part in the football tournaments at the Stadiums of Thuwunna in Yangon and Wunna Theikdhi in Nay Pyi Taw and Women’s Football games at Mandalay Stadium.

Host Myanmar, defending Champion Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Singapore, Laos, Timor, the Philippines, Cambodia and Brunei will compete in the men’s event.

Likewise, host Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Laos, the Philippines and Timor Leste will participate in the women’s event.

Women’s Football game was not included at 2011 XXVI SEA Games in Indonesia.

Kyemon-Sai Nly Lay

**Man arrested with opium speciosa**

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—

The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Kyemon-Police Information

**Photo shows men arrested with opium speciosa.**
China services industry picks up ahead of party plenum

BEIJING, 5 Nov — China’s services industry picked up in October, a private survey showed on Tuesday, with gains in new business and employment providing further evidence the economy has found its footing as Beijing prepares to lay out its reform agenda for the next decade. Top leaders have pushed for stability in the economy over fast growth as they look to restructure it away from a credit and investment-driven growth model to one led by consumer demand, with very much driven by investment.” China’s leaders will lay out their reform plans at the Communist Party’s third plenary session from 9-12 November. They have made it clear they want to see industries with over-capacity, such as steel and shipbuilding, shrink. New jobs will need to be found for workers laid off in traditional industries, and so the second consecutive rise in the services PMI employment measure will be welcome. Services accounted for about 45 percent of the economy in 2012 and the sector is already the biggest employer.

Premier Li Keqiang has said it will be a balancing act to maintain employment amid the restructuring, saying 7.2 percent growth is needed to ensure a stable job market. “We want to stabilise economic growth because we need to guarantee employment,” Li told workers union representatives two weeks ago, in remarks that were published in full on Tuesday. —Reuters

Two S Korean firms in Kaesong to close operations, quoting unfavourable business conditions

SEUL, 5 Nov — Two South Korean companies in the Kaesong industrial complex have decided to close operations due to the unfavourable business conditions, sources said on Tuesday. A textile manufacturer and an electronic parts producer have signed related contracts to sell their factories and land in the industrial complex, Yonhap news agency quoted the unification ministry and corporate insiders as saying.

They added that another small company that makes stuffed goods at a factory apartment run by the Korea Industrial Complex Corp is also planning to abandon its Kaesong operations considering the increasing financial difficulties. “Concerns caused by a cooling off of cross-border relations after the Kaesong complex reopened are making it hard to secure orders, and there are growing fears that things will not improve in the near future,” Yonhap quoted a corporate source as saying, who declined to be identified.

He said there are other companies who may decide to leave Kaesong if things don’t improve soon. Entrepreneurs said companies in Kaesong are currently operating at just 50 percent capacity since the park resumed operation on 16 September. Three out of the 123 companies in the complex have not restarted their factories. Many companies are unsatisfied with the chaotic management in terms of travel, communications, customs and protection of South Korean workers.

It is reported that other companies decided to leave because they are unable to pay back 176.1 billion won (165.8 million US dollars) in insurance payments received from Seoul and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK’s) demand of supplemental security income, equal to 60 percent of its workers monthly pay starting this month. —Xinhua

Gunman kills himself after opening fire in New Jersey mall

PARAMUS, 4 Nov — A gun man opened fire in a crowded New Jersey mall late on Monday before killing himself, officials said, sparking a mass evacuation of the complex by police who did not realise he was dead for several hours.

The man shot at least six rounds from a modified rifle seemingly at random and without hitting anyone, before turning the gun on himself in a back area of the mall, Bergen County Prosecutor John Molinelli told a news conference early on Tuesday.

Authorities named the dead man as 20-year-old Richard Shoop and said he had a history of drug abuse. Officials found his body in the Westfield Garden State Plaza in Paramus at around 3:20 am local time (0820 GMT).

Police backed by dozens of cruisers had earlier evacuated thousands of people from the mall and launched a manhunt after shoppers reported hearing gunshots. Sometimes after 9 pm said Chief of Staff at Bergen County Jeanne Baratta.

Najee Waters, 19, of East Rutherford, New Jersey, was at his sales job at an H&M clothing store when he heard what sounded like two shots ring out. —Reuters

Monetary base hits record high for 8th straight month

TOKYO, 5 Nov — Japan’s monetary base grew 45.8 percent in October from a year earlier to 186.87 trillion yen, hitting a record high for the eighth straight month as the Bank of Japan kept pumping money into the financial system to beat deflation unrelentingly.

The average daily balance of liquidity provided by the central bank — consisting of cash in circulation and the balance of current account deposits held by commercial financial institutions at the bank — increased for the 18th consecutive month.

The country’s monetary base at the end of October stood at 189.81 trillion yen, the highest level ever, the BOJ said.

The balance of current account deposits — the sum of funds the institutions can use freely — more than doubled to 98.76 trillion yen, with the BOJ injecting more liquidity into the banking system by buying a large number of financial assets from banks. —Kyodo News

Japan-led nuke elimination resolution

UN committee passes Japan-led nuke elimination resolution

NEW YORK, 5 Nov — A Japan-led resolution calling for the elimination of nuclear weapons was approved on Monday by the UN General Assembly’s First Committee on disarmament with endorsements by 164 countries, marking the 20th year in a row that such a resolution has been passed.

The resolution, which is expected to be approved by the General Assembly at a meeting in early December, drew a record 102 co-sponsors.

North Korea was the only country to vote against it. The resolution condemned “in the strongest terms the nuclear test conducted” by North Korea in February this year and called on Pyongyang to “abandon all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear programmes.”

Fourteen other countries including China, Russia, India, Pakistan and Israel abstained. Among other nuclear powers, the United States co-sponsored and voted for it, while Britain and France backed it without joining as sponsors. —Kyodo News
**Apps pair with smart pens to bring digital handwriting**

Amsterdam, 5 Nov — Writing with pen and paper is entering the digital world, thanks to new apps that work with smart pens to capture the written word and share and edit the content.

New Light of Myanmar

**Google to spend another 450 million euros on Finnish data centre**

Hamina, (Finland), 5 Nov — Google said on Monday it would invest another 450 million euros ($607 million) over the next few years on a data centre in southeastern Finland, a boost for a country struggling with Nokia’s decline and weakness in paper and steel industries.

**One in five Sun-like stars may have Earth-sized planets: study**

Washington, 5 Nov — One in five Sun-like stars may have planets about the size of Earth and a surface temperature conducive to life, US researchers said on Monday. Many of the exoplanets discovered so far are gas giants orbiting close to their parent star. Rocky Earth-like planets are hard to spot, leading to uncertainty about how many Earth-like planets may exist.

**Samsung W2014 dual-screen Android flip phone with Snapdragon 800 launched**

Seoul, 5 Nov — It looks like Samsung is on a launching spree when it comes to flip phones. The South Korean major has unveiled its third Android flip phone this year, the W2014. The Samsung W2014 flip phone has been launched in partnership with China Telecom. However, the company has not revealed the pricing and availability details of the device, yet. The Samsung W2014 flip phone has a similar build to other Samsung flip phones, the W789 and the Galaxy Golden launched earlier this year. Although, the major difference among the three is that the Sam-

**Scientists pair with smart pens to bring digital handwriting**

In this story, scientists are using new apps that work with smart pens to capture the written word and share and edit the content. The apps are expected to bring digital handwriting to the masses, making it easier for people to preserve their handwritten notes and share them online.

**Google to spend another 450 million euros on Finnish data centre**

Google has announced plans to invest another 450 million euros over the next few years on a data centre in southeastern Finland. This investment is expected to boost the Finnish data centre industry and create new job opportunities in the country.

**One in five Sun-like stars may have Earth-sized planets: study**

A team of US scientists has conducted a study on one-fifth of all Sun-like stars, finding that about 22 percent of them may host planets with Earth-like characteristics. This discovery could have significant implications for the search for habitable planets outside our solar system.

**Samsung W2014 dual-screen Android flip phone with Snapdragon 800 launched**

Samsung has launched a new dual-screen Android flip phone, the W2014, featuring a Snapdragon 800 processor. This device is expected to compete with other high-end flip phones in the market.
French factory activity shrinks faster in October

PARIS, 5 Nov — French manufacturing activity shrank for the 20th month in a row in October, and at a faster pace, as new orders saw their sharpest drop since June due to poor demand, a survey showed on Monday. Data compiler Markit said its final purchasing managers' index fell to 49.1 in October, compared to 49.3 in September, just below the 50 point line dividing expansions in activity from contractions. Export orders were the one positive note in October, rising for the third time in the past four months and at the fastest rate since May 2011.

The final reading missed an initial flash figure and the consensus forecast of analysts, which both came in at 49.4. Production continued to fall as businesses kept using up their stocks of finished goods, while employment in the sector fell for a 20th month. The French manufacturing sector remained in contraction at the start of the fourth quarter, with output, new orders and employment all showing further (albeit modest) declines," Markit economist Jack Kennedy said. "Overall though, the data point to a sector continuing to struggle in the face of persistently weak economic conditions."

The preliminary reading last week of Markit's composite PMI index for October, which includes both the manufacturing and services sectors, had shown French business activity stagnating, in contrast to September when there was growth for first time since early 2012.

The euro zone's second-largest economy lost 0.3 percent in industrial production in September compared to the previous month, the French national statistics office Insee forecasts a flat third quarter. — Détail PMI data are only available under license from Markit and customers need to apply to Markit for a license.

Diet choices of Chinese women feed debate on health in pregnancy

Willington, 5 Nov — It’s the age old question as they prepare to start a family in a foreign land: what’s best for my unborn baby the food I know or the food available in my new home? Some women can readily adapt to a new diet, but for Chinese, women showed a steeped in unique food and medicine culture that goes back centuries, the answers are not clear cut.

Researchers in New Zealand are hoping to find some answers about what expectant mothers are eating in the country’s burgeoning Chinese community and how it affects the health of mother and baby. Ma told Xinhua in a phone interview.

"We’re trying to discover whether things like attitude can influence their eating habits and how their acculturation can influence their thinking," said Ma, who studied traditional Chinese medicine in her hometown of Taiyuan, north China’s Shanxi Province. Changes in attitude could see Chinese women adapt a Western diet that was calcium or foliate-rich, as recommended in Western medicine for pregnant women.

"However, traditional Chinese medicine teaches us to ask ‘Can this food activate my supply?’ or ‘Can I block my yin food and activate my supply?’ or ‘Can I block my yin food or my yang food to balance my body?’", said Ma. The gradual introduction of Western foods into China meant many Chinese immigrants were already partly accustomed to a new diet, but studies showed Chinese immigrants generally gained weight once they settled in Western culture, she said. —Xinhua

ECB may soon join the flight of the doves

LONDON, 5 Nov — Even as the euro zone economy shows faint signs of stirring, the European Central Bank is likely to send a dovish message this week that more monetary help will be on the way before long. After a plunge in inflation to 0.7 percent in the year to October, well below the ECB’s target of just under 2 percent, UBS and RBS are among those who reckon a rate cut could come as soon as Thursday’s policy-setting meeting.

At the very least, economists expect ECB President Mario Draghi to indicate that the balance of risk has tilted toward further easing, partly because the recent strength of the euro will hurt exports with a lag. But many believe it would make more sense for the ECB to hold fire until December, when the bank’s staff updates its growth and inflation forecasts. "A significant downward revision to its inflation number for next year — let’s say at or below 1 percent, from 1.3 percent currently — may push the ECB to act," said Giuseppe Maraffino, a bond analyst at Barclays.

A cut in the ECB’s main refinancing rate, now at 0.50 percent, would have the greatest headline impact. Other options include a reduction in the deposit rate to below zero, which would have a bigger effect on money market rates, or a promise of another long-term refinancing operation to ensure banks have plentiful liquidity. Sarah Hewin, an economist with Standard Chartered Bank in London, agreed that disinflation made the case for a rate cut more compelling. But she said there were signs the euro zone’s economy was turning up.

The ECB’s latest bank lending survey provided evidence that credit constraints might soon ease, while struggling members of the euro zone periphery appear to be touching bottom. —Reuters

BlackBerry calls off sale, replaces CEO

TORONTO, 5 Nov — BlackBerry Ltd will be getting a 1-billion US dollar injection instead of a direct buyout for now. After weeks of deliberation to purchase the company for a price tag of 4.7 billion dollars, Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd, the company’s largest stakeholder, had up till Monday to complete its offer. But Fairfax announced Monday morning that it will lead a group of under 1030 customers to raise 1 billion dollars in capital to help the troubled Canadian smartphone maker revamp its operations. The money will be raised with a private placement of convertible debentures and Fairfax will take up 250 million US dollars of the debentures, it said in a press release. BlackBerry shares tumbled 1.10 Canadian dollars on the Toronto Stock Exchange on Monday, or 14 percent to 6.67 Canadian dollars apiece, after the news was released. When the deal closes, John S. Chen, former CEO of Sybase Inc, will replace BlackBerry’s Thorsten Heins, who was named CEO of the company back in January 2012, to take on the role of executive chair of the BlackBerry board.

This new plan will also see the return of chairman and CEO of Fairfax Prem Watsa, a former member on the BlackBerry board who left this summer when it announced that it would consider selling the company as part of a strategic review. Watsa will be welcomed back onto BlackBerry’s board as lead director and chair of the board. This new plan will also see the return of chairman and CEO of Fairfax Prem Watsa, a former member on the BlackBerry board as lead director and chair of the board. —Xinhua

A passerby uses his smartphone to take a picture of the euro sign landmark in front of the headquarters of the European Central Bank (ECB) in Frankfurt on 2 Sept, 2013. — Reuters

A press release uses its smartphone to take a picture of the euro sign landmark in front of the headquarters of the European Central Bank (ECB) in Frankfurt on 2 Sept, 2013. — Reuters

Coupon mix-up irks Dianping customers

BEIJING, 5 Nov — Some local consumers have lost their appetite for restaurant review website Dianping.com, after more of its coupons were refused by eateries. It’s the latest problem for the Shanghai-based website after a McDonald’s promotion soured last week.

The website yesterday said it had fixed a system problem that caused some customers to be unable to use coupons at outlets of Singapore-based Bee Cheng Hiang, which sells dried-meat products. Yang Chen, a PR employee with dianping.com, said the coupons can be used starting from this week. Yang said the Bee Cheng Hiang outlets couldn’t confirm the validity of the coupons with dianping.com via POS machines due to a system problem last Friday.

The website provided refunds to some customers over the weekend as customer service representatives were unsure when the coupons could be used again. According to the website, more than 4,800 customers had purchased the coupons, which had a face value of 300 yuan (US$49.18), at a 30 percent discount. Yang said the website didn’t release a statement about the system failure because it didn’t want customers to panic. —Xinhua

Coils of steel are seen at the ArcelorMittal Factory in Florange, Eastern France, on 18 Oct, 2013. — Reuters

This financing provides an immediate cash injection on terms favorable to BlackBerry, enhancing our substantial cash position. Some of the most important customers in the world rely on BlackBerry and we are implementing the changes necessary to strengthen the company and ensure we remain a strong and innovative partner for their needs.” —Xinhua

Sprout sprouts in Singapore

“Smartphone maker revamps in Singapore” — The海峡时报, 5 Nov
Pakistan admits tension with US after Taleban chief killed in drone strike

ISLAMABAD, 5 Nov — A Pakistani minister admitted late Monday that the killing of Taleban chief Hakimullah Mehsud in a drone strike has caused serious tension between Pakistan and the United States. In a policy statement in the National Assembly following the killing of Mehsud, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said the killing destroyed the government’s plan to initiate peace talks with the Taleban militants. The Taleban, who have refused to talk to the government after the death of their leader, have now started issuing threats of revenge.

Khan told the lower house of the parliament that the Taleban have ruled out possibilities of the talks but the government intends to bring the process on track. Regrettting that the United States does not care of the concerns of others, he said Pakistan will not accept dictations from Washington. “We will try to revive the peace process from where it has been broken,” the minister said. The Taleban have some problems to elect their new leader and the talks would be impossible unless they agreed on the new leader, he added. Explaining the difficulties in holding dialogue with the Taleban, he told the lawmakers that the government had exchanged messages with the Taleban for two weeks after a parliamentary conference in early September which had unanimously decided to hold talks with the Taleban to end bloodshed.

However, the talks were delayed due to a Taleban attack which killed a major general that was followed by three major attacks over the past two months including one on a church that killed nearly 80 Christian worshippers. Nisar commended all the political parties for uniting to pursue peace talks, and showed confidence despite the ongoing attacks. He also thanked the army which “went the extra mile” to protect the peace dialogue despite the developing grave security situation.

He said the government’s armed forces and the Taleban will not be responsible if the US again sabotages the peace process.

Iran nuclear negotiator says no signal from West to relieve sanctions

TEHERAN, 5 Nov — Iran’s nuclear negotiator Abbas Araghchi said Teheran has received no signal that the West would relieve its sanctions imposed over Iran’s controversial nuclear programme, Press TV reported on Monday. “Any initiative that does not ensure the easing of the sanctions is not acceptable to us,” Araghchi was quoted as saying.

Araghchi said during the recent rounds of negotiations between the representatives of Iran and the P5+1 — the United States, China, Russia, France and Britain plus Germany — in Vienna and Geneva, the two sides “simply discussed their capabilities and facilities” during the talks, but “no agreement was reached between the two sides on the issues.”

Iran and the P5+1 countries held a fresh round of talks in Geneva on 15-16 October and agreed to meet again in the Swiss city on 7-8 November. — Xinhua

China calls for early peace conference on Syria

UNITED NATIONS, 5 Nov — China on Monday called on all parties concerned to make greater efforts to bring about an international peace conference on Syria at an early date. A political solution is “the only viable way out of Syria’s problems,” said Liu Jieyi, China’s permanent representative to the United Nations, when briefing the press here on the programme of work of the UN Security Council for this month. “First and foremost it is highly important to persuade the relevant parties to sit down at the negotiation table for the Geneva II conference to be held as early as possible,” said the envoy, whose country assumed the rotating council presidency for November on Friday.

Liu made the remarks as UN-Arab League joint special envoy Lakhdar Brahimi is going to meet a number of diplomats in Geneva on Tuesday to push for the peace conference on Syria, known as Geneva II.—Xinhua

Pakistan security officials inspect the bomb blast site in northwest Pakistan’s Peshawar on 4 Nov, 2013. At least one person was killed and 6 others injured in a bomb explosion in Peshawar on Monday night, local media reported.—Xinhua

US Vice President Joe Biden will travel to Japan, China and South Korea in the first week of December, with plans to discuss a proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade agreement with Japanese leaders, the White House said on Monday. Biden will visit Japan between 2 and 4 December, during which he is scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and compare notes with Japanese officials on bilateral ties and Asia-Pacific affairs, according to the Japanese government.

Biden’s visit to Japan will come ahead of a ministerial meeting in Singapore and calls for a relocation of the US Marine Corps’ Futenma Air Station within Okinawa Prefecture in line with a bilateral accord. The Japanese government already asked Okinawa Gov. Hirokazu Nakaima to permit a land-filling project off the Henoko coastal area in Nago as a key step before starting construction on the relocation site for the Futenma base, which is now in the densely populated city of Ginowan. Nakaima, who is opposed to the plan and calls for a relocation of the airfield to outside the prefecture, has said he may decide in December or later whether or not to permit the land-filling. In Beijing and Seoul, Biden will meet their leaders to compare notes on global and regional issues, the White House said. —Kyodo News
**Culture**

**Khuado Festival organized for first time in Nay Pyi Taw**

Zomi Chin nationals enjoy Khuado Festival.

**Nay Pyi Taw, 5 Nov—** The First Khuado Festival of Zomi family of Nay Pyi Taw was observed at Nay Pyi Taw Church in Shwekyabin Ward of Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 2 November.

A total of 22 participants comprising Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, departmental officials and staff and their families, Zomi entrepreneurs and cultural groups of SEA Games attended the celebration.

Chairman of the Organizing Committee Deputy Director-General U Thang Doh Cinn made a speech. Hluttaw representatives and officials of the organizing committee explained matters related to the festival. Those present were entertained traditional dances.

After paying worship, they had the dinner.

As it was the first celebration of Zomi Chin nationals, all the families of Zomi Chin nationals held a get-together.

Dr Pawng Khant Kam of Agricultural Research Department remarked, “I am so happy for talking with Zomi Chin families in Chin language. I think I am the happiest in the festival.”

**Progress of construction projects clarified in Pauk Township**

**Pauk, 5 Nov—** A ceremony to make clarification on maintenance and implementation of road and bridge projects in Pauk Township in 2013-2014 fiscal year was held at the hall of Township General Department on 30 October morning.

Assistant Engineer U Soe Maw of Public Works explained progress of construction tasks in 2013-2014 and future plans, spending of the allotted fund of the Union government and the region government.

Officials replied to queries raised by those present. Also present at the meeting were Magway Region Hluttaw representatives U Myint Soe Win and U Moe Ko Ko, the Township Development Supervisory Committee Chairman and members, the chairman and members of Township Construction Supervisory Committee, departmental officials and town’s elders.

**Victorious Myanmar para sport team honoured**

**Yangon, 5 Nov—** A ceremony to honour the Myanmar para sport team that secured three gold, four silver and four bronze medals in the Asian Youth ParaSEA Games, Malaysia, 2013 was held at the hall of the Myanmar Para Sports Federation in Dagon Myothit (North) Township of Yangon Region on 2 November.

Vice-President of the federation Col Myo Myint (Retd) presented K 100,000 each to gold medalists, K 75000 each to silver medalists and K 50000 each to bronze medalists respectively. The sport team was led by Executive of the federation Prof Dr Than Huy. They took part in the games to 30 October.

**Selected players of Shan State to hold soccer friendly**

**Taunggyi, 5 Nov—** A ceremony to pay respects to older footballers was held in conjunction with a soccer friendly at Kaubahwa Sports Ground in Taunggyi of Shan State on 11 November.

The former selected players are invited to attend the respect paying ceremony without fail and to contact U Khin Maung Lwin Gyi of Taunggyi, Tel: 09-49350342, U Khin Maung Lwin Lay of Mandalay, Tel: 09-2016570 and U Tin Maung Thein of Yagon, Tel: 09-5143273.

**Magway Myathalun Pagoda illuminated with 9000 oil lights on 2 Nov**

Magway Myathalun Pagoda illuminated with 9000 oil lights on 14th waning of Thadingyut.

**Mogok Tsp**

Napalese Gurkha cultural dances performed in Mogok Tsp

**Mogok, 5 Nov—** With the assistance to Gurkha students of Mogok and Kyetpyin of Mandalay Region, the Napalese Gurkha cultural troupe performed entertainment at Mani Yadana Hall in Begyin Ward of Mogok Township.

The entertainment was performed by members of Pagoda Board of Trustees, members of social organizations, artists who performed entertainment at the Buddha Pojanaya and local people.

The 9000 oil lights offering ceremony was participated by members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees, members of social organizations, artists who performed entertainment at the Buddha Pojanaya and local people.

**Anti-Narcotic Drives**

Stimulant tablets seized in Mabaing

**Mabaing**

2.8 million and two packets of raw opium weighing 10 grams and one packet of opium weighing 55 grams worth K 44000.

Two kinds of narcotic drugs were worth K 2.844 million.

Mabaing Police Station filed a lawsuit against Shwe Hsay under the law.

MMAL-Township IPRD

## National Sports

**National Sports**

**Nepalese Gurkha cultural troupe performs entertainment to the audience.**

**Mabaing, 5 Nov—** The 25th silver jubilee oil light offering ceremony of Magway Myathalun Pagoda was suspended on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut due to heavy rains.

Thus, the day of offering lights to the pagoda was suspended again on 8th waning of Thadingyut.

On 2 November, the oil light offering ceremony was successfully held at the pagoda.

The 9000 oil lights offering ceremony was participated by members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees, members of social organizations, artists who performed entertainment at the Buddha Pojanaya and local people.

MMAL-Zeya Hninsuchan Ward of Mogok on 2 November.

“The entertainment was performed for providing assistance to basic education students of Gurkha from Mogok and Kyetpyin. We have sold 2000 tickets for entertainment within one week. We apologized to those who missed the chance for buying the ticket,” dancing trainers Ma Sandy and Ma Hira of Napalese Gurkha cultural troupe. The ceremony was attended by Township Administrator U Nay Myo Zaw and departmental officials, town’s elders, members of social organizations and Gurkha nationals from Mogok Township.

MMAL-Nay Wa (Mogok)
e-Government scheme

There is a growing trend towards online application. The number of Internet users in the IT Age has increased all the more with wider online application. As computer, e-mail and Internet are at the forefront of daily activities, the role of e-Government has become increasingly crucial.

The word of e-Government has become popular day by day based on different dimensions. Whatever it is, e-Government needs to be introduced through wider application of ICT in order that functions of governmental departments are swift, workable and effective. And a step-by-step approach should be taken towards achieving this long-term goal.

The e-Government is a scheme in which most of the functions of governmental departments are undertaken swiftly and effectively through online. The scheme could make time-consuming and labor-intensive departmental functions more applicable, effective and swifter. The extensive introduction of e-Government contributes not only to governmental departmental functions but to companies and social organizations that are related to the government, thereby improving socio-economic status of the people.

Nowadays, the government in cooperation with computer professionals associations and entrepreneurs in regions and states has constituted regional e-Government committees in order to implement the e-Government scheme. As part of the scheme the e-Yangon Website of Yangon Region Government has been posted on a trial basis. Efforts are being made to bring about a complete and better e-Government before 2015.

At a time when we need to reflect on what more we can do to realize our vision for a better world the e-Government’s role is beyond question, for our urgent development challenge is to make sustainability a reality.

Press release on peace talk between Union Peace-making Work Committee...

(from page 1)

4. The meeting agreed on the following facts so as to reach the political agreement:
   (a) Reaching nationwide ceasefire deal
   (b) Designing policy framework for political dialogue
   (c) Holding political dialogues

5. The NCCT will coordinate with ethnic armed groups for nationwide ceasefire deal and agreed to hold discussions with Union Peace-making Work Committee in Hpa-an in Kayin State in December, 2013.

6. This joint press release is to communicate the public that the delegates from both sides were encouraged by the fruitful cooperation in the meeting that could bring an end to the more-than-60-years-long armed conflicts and agreed to hold political dialogue as soon as possible.

Press Release Team

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—President U Thein Sein received a visiting goodwill delegation led by Governor of New South Wales of Commonwealth of Australia Ms Marie Bashir and Mrs Marie Bashir for documentary photo.—MNA

Talks between UPWC and ethnic armed organizations conclude

President U Thein Sein and a delegation led by Governor of New South Wales of Commonwealth of Australia Ms Marie Bashir pose for documentary photo.—MNA

It was also attended by Union Ministers U Win Maung Lwin, U Tin Naing Thein and Dr Pe Thet Khin and officials.—MNA

We’ve put the framework for nationwide ceasefire on the table today. They would review it and discuss whether they can agree it or not. If every stakeholder agrees, then it will reach the stage of signing ceasefire pact. Today’s discussion is major step toward nationwide ceasefire.”

“Ethnic armed groups are really desirous of ceasefire”, concluded the Lt-Gen citing the discussions yesterday and today. He added: “The Tatmadaw is also taking an active part in peace process to reach ceasefire agreement with all ethnic armed groups.”

“The government would review the resolutions of Laiza Conference (See page 9)
Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association’s Chairman

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker calls for stepping up efforts for educational reforms

Servicemen, local authorities...

Region’s budget request...

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann holds talks with Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Hideo Watanabe.—MNA

Chairperson of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee receives Governor-General of Commonwealth of Australia

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—Chairperson of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee Daw Aung San Suu Kyi met Governor-General of Commonwealth of Australia.

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—Thura U Shwe Mann, the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, stressed the need for launching educational reforms which can be carried out before necessary laws are amended.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker calls for stepping up efforts for educational reforms

In his address at the meeting held by the Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee to discuss the National Education Bill here today, the Speaker pointed out the weak in encouragement, supporting and implementation related to the educational reforms.

He also urged administrative bodies and ministries concerned to step up their efforts for educational reforms, pledging that the Hluttaw would assist in the education sector of Bago Region.

The Speaker also put on record the message sent by the President to the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw on spending K1690.113 million by Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and K10.100 million by Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement from the specific fund of the Union Budget for 2013.

Pyithu Hluttaw also put on record the message sent by the President on settling the land grabbing issues included in the report 1, 2 and 3 of the land grabbing investigation commission.

Regarding the expenditure in first six months of 2013-2014 FY, findings, complaints and actions of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union were clarified by the Joint Public Accounts Committee.

Pyithu Hluttaw continues its 10-day meeting on 7 November.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—Thura U Shwe Mann holds talks with Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Hideo Watanabe.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Mr Hideo Watanabe, Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association, at Zabuthiri Hall in the Hluttaw Complex here today.

During the meeting, they discussed Japan’s assistance and the economic growth of Myanmar, bilateral friendship and win-win cooperation between the two countries.

Also present at the meeting were chairmen of the committees of Pyithu Hluttaw: Thura U Aung Ko, U Thein Swe and U Maung U and secretary U Kyi Tha and Daw Aye Aye Mu, member of the commission of the assessing legal affairs and special cases and officials from Hluttaw office.—MNA

For the meeting was attended by chairmen of the Pyithu Hluttaw committees, secretaries, members, professors, rectors and responsible personnel from the ministries concerned.

The meeting was to conduct survey for loss and damage in the flood. Arrangements will be made for cultivation of cold season crops on the flood-affected land.

The authorities, farm land management committees and staff of Agriculture Department and Settlement and Land Records Department are making field trips for the specific fund of the Union Budget for 2013.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker calls for stepping up efforts for educational reforms

In his address at the meeting held by the Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee to discuss the National Education Bill here today, the Speaker pointed out the weak in encouragement, supporting and implementation related to the educational reforms.

He also urged administrative bodies and ministries concerned to step up their efforts for educational reforms, pledging that the Hluttaw would assist in the education sector of Bago Region.

The Speaker also put on record the message sent by the President to the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw on spending K1690.113 million by Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and K10.100 million by Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement from the specific fund of the Union Budget for 2013.

Pyithu Hluttaw also put on record the message sent by the President on settling the land grabbing issues included in the report 1, 2 and 3 of the land grabbing investigation commission.

Regarding the expenditure in first six months of 2013-2014 FY, findings, complaints and actions of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union were clarified by the Joint Public Accounts Committee.

Pyithu Hluttaw continues its 10-day meeting on 7 November.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—Thura U Shwe Mann holds talks with Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Hideo Watanabe.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Mr Hideo Watanabe, Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association, at Zabuthiri Hall in the Hluttaw Complex here today.

During the meeting, they discussed Japan’s assistance and the economic growth of Myanmar, bilateral friendship and win-win cooperation between the two countries.

Also present at the meeting were chairmen of the committees of Pyithu Hluttaw: Thura U Aung Ko, U Thein Swe and U Maung U and secretary U Kyi Tha and Daw Aye Aye Mu, member of the commission of the assessing legal affairs and special cases and officials from Hluttaw office.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker calls for stepping up efforts for educational reforms

In his address at the meeting held by the Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee to discuss the National Education Bill here today, the Speaker pointed out the weak in encouragement, supporting and implementation related to the educational reforms.

He also urged administrative bodies and ministries concerned to step up their efforts for educational reforms, pledging that the Hluttaw would assist in the education sector of Bago Region.

The Speaker also put on record the message sent by the President to the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw on spending K1690.113 million by Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and K10.100 million by Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement from the specific fund of the Union Budget for 2013.

Pyithu Hluttaw also put on record the message sent by the President on settling the land grabbing issues included in the report 1, 2 and 3 of the land grabbing investigation commission.

Regarding the expenditure in first six months of 2013-2014 FY, findings, complaints and actions of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union were clarified by the Joint Public Accounts Committee.

Pyithu Hluttaw continues its 10-day meeting on 7 November.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—Thura U Shwe Mann holds talks with Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Hideo Watanabe.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Mr Hideo Watanabe, Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association, at Zabuthiri Hall in the Hluttaw Complex here today.

During the meeting, they discussed Japan’s assistance and the economic growth of Myanmar, bilateral friendship and win-win cooperation between the two countries.

Also present at the meeting were chairmen of the committees of Pyithu Hluttaw: Thura U Aung Ko, U Thein Swe and U Maung U and secretary U Kyi Tha and Daw Aye Aye Mu, member of the commission of the assessing legal affairs and special cases and officials from Hluttaw office.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker calls for stepping up efforts for educational reforms

In his address at the meeting held by the Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee to discuss the National Education Bill here today, the Speaker pointed out the weak in encouragement, supporting and implementation related to the educational reforms.

He also urged administrative bodies and ministries concerned to step up their efforts for educational reforms, pledging that the Hluttaw would assist in the education sector of Bago Region.

The Speaker also put on record the message sent by the President to the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw on spending K1690.113 million by Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and K10.100 million by Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement from the specific fund of the Union Budget for 2013.

Pyithu Hluttaw also put on record the message sent by the President on settling the land grabbing issues included in the report 1, 2 and 3 of the land grabbing investigation commission.

Regarding the expenditure in first six months of 2013-2014 FY, findings, complaints and actions of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union were clarified by the Joint Public Accounts Committee.

Pyithu Hluttaw continues its 10-day meeting on 7 November.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker calls for stepping up efforts for educational reforms

In his address at the meeting held by the Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee to discuss the National Education Bill here today, the Speaker pointed out the weak in encouragement, supporting and implementation related to the educational reforms.

He also urged administrative bodies and ministries concerned to step up their efforts for educational reforms, pledging that the Hluttaw would assist in the education sector of Bago Region.

The Speaker also put on record the message sent by the President to the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw on spending K1690.113 million by Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and K10.100 million by Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement from the specific fund of the Union Budget for 2013.

Pyithu Hluttaw also put on record the message sent by the President on settling the land grabbing issues included in the report 1, 2 and 3 of the land grabbing investigation commission.

Regarding the expenditure in first six months of 2013-2014 FY, findings, complaints and actions of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union were clarified by the Joint Public Accounts Committee.

Pyithu Hluttaw continues its 10-day meeting on 7 November.—MNA
**Agriculture**

**Farming rights certificates issued to farmers of Thanbyuzayat Township**

Head of Mon State Settlement and Land Records Department U Kyaw Sein Lin explained issuance of farming rights certificates for 21965 farmers from 26 village-tracts of the township.

**Issuance of farming rights certificates to local farmers in Thanbyuzayat Township in progress.**

**Thanbyuzayat, 5 Nov**—A ceremony to issue farming rights certificates to farmers from the whole township of Thanbyuzayat was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Thanbyuzayat on 2 November. Mon State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Myo Nyunt gave a speech.

**Globetrotters view renovation of earthquake-hit Shweyattaw Pagoda in Singu**

The pagoda collapsed in the earthquake in 2012.

**Rural development**

**Kachin State government to rebuild damaged bridges**

**Mohnyin, 5 Nov**—Kachin State government will fund reconstruction of two damaged bridge in Mohnyin Township for 2013-14 fiscal year, said Kachin State Minister for Finance U Nyunt Aung. After inspecting the damaged bridges in the villages in last week of October, the state minister said that the government allotted K 25 million for the bridge linking Nansawlaw and Nanna villages, K 6.1 million for the bridge linking Mohnyin and Pinhe village, K 7 million on the bridge linking Pinhe and Bulu villages, K 3.1 million for the bridge linking Mayangon and Nyaunggon villages and K 8 million for the bridge linking Mohnyin ad Ingyingon villages. “The 120 feet long bridge between Mohnyin and Nyaunggon village will cost over K 100 million. So we submit it to the government for construction with the assistance of Japanese government.” he added.

**MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 5 Nov**—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, misappropriation and corruption. The public may reach the numbers for their information and complaints but are requested to avoid manners causing disruptions to these phone lines. Myanmar Police Force HQ, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhae and Shan State Police Forces, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangoi, and Ayeyawady Region Police Forces, Offices of Commanders of East, West, South and North District Police Forces in Yangon Region, No (1) Police Station in Taunggyi, Office of Deputy Commander of State Police Force in Lashio, and Kengtung Police Station in Kengtung have emergency numbers of 199.

**Vehicle plunges into ravine, leaving 15 injured**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 5 Nov**—A vehicle driven by Naing Gyi (a) Maung Maung Naing (a) Ko Ko Naing of Pyay Township, carrying workers of nation grid construction project heading for Taungup from Pyay plunged into the 200 feet deep ravine at mile post 58/4 of Pyay-Taungup Road near Myayya Village of Taungup Township, Rakha- ine State, on 2 November afternoon.

Policemen from Taung- pur Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against the driver and his crew. They took photo of the pagoda and visited there.

As a self-reliant bridge between Pinhe and Bulu villages in Mohnyin Township were damaged due to trucks with overload, Kachin State government grants to rebuild it spending K 7 million.—NLM-001

**SINGU, 5 Nov**—Two Dutch guests led by Managing Director U Kyaw Myo Ko of Mandalay-based Myanmar Upperland (Culture & Travels) visited Shweyattaw Pagoda in Singu on Mandala- lay Region on 3 November morning.

They took photo of the pagoda and visited there.

**Ko Ko Yaya**

**The pagoda collapsed in the earthquake in 2012.**

**Kyemon-Win Maung**

**Accident**

**Vehicle plunges into ravine, leaving 15 injured**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 5 Nov**—A vehicle driven by Naing Gyi (a) Maung Maung Naing (a) Ko Ko Naing of Pyay Township, carrying workers of nation grid construction project heading for Taungup from Pyay plunged into the 200 feet deep ravine at mile post 58/4 of Pyay-Taungup Road near Myayya Village of Taungup Township, Rakha- ine State, on 2 November afternoon.

Policemen from Taung- pur Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against the driver and his crew. They took photo of the pagoda and visited there.

As a self-reliant bridge between Pinhe and Bulu villages in Mohnyin Township were damaged due to trucks with overload, Kachin State government grants to rebuild it spending K 7 million.—NLM-001
FSA investigates 3 megabanks over measures against criminal groups

**TOKYO, 5 Nov — Japan’s Financial Services Agency on Tuesday started investigations into the country’s three major banking groups, including scandal-hit Mizuho Financial Group Inc., focusing on measures to prevent ties to criminal groups.**

The FSA will additionally examine whether Mizuho deliberately submitted an incorrect report to the financial watchdog over the scandal involving loans made by Mizuho Bank to people linked to criminal groups that came to light in September.

Finance Minister Taro Aso, concurrently serving as financial services minister, expressed displeasure that Mizuho made incorrect claims to the FSA, saying it was “extremely undesirable,” accelerating the consideration how to deal with the issue,” Aso said at a press conference, indicating his agency would impose an additional punishment on the bank.

The financial watchdog is conducting on-site inspections of the financial groups operating major lenders Mizuho Bank, the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ and Somitomo Mitsui Banking Corp to ensure proper measures are in place.

The FSA ordered Mizuho to improve its operations on 27 September based on the bank’s initial claim that its top management had not been alerted to the transactions with people tied to organized crime groups. However, Mizuho President Yasuhiro Sato later admitted former President Satoru Nishihori had been aware of the loans in question since July 2010, reversing the bank’s earlier claim, and Sato had also attended board meetings where materials mentioning the matter were distributed.

Mizuho has decided to forgo Sato’s pay for six months and punish more than 50 people.

Kyodo News

China needs 7.2 percent GDP growth for employment: premier

**BEIJING, 5 Nov — China needs to sustain economic growth of 7.2 percent to ensure a stable job market, Premier Li Keqiang said in remarks published on Monday, one of the few times a top official has stated the minimum level of growth needed for employment.**

Official calculation showed the world’s second-largest economy needs to grow at a rate of 7.2 percent annually to ensure 10 million jobs are being created each year, Li said at a national workers’ meeting two weeks ago. His remarks were published in full for the first time on Monday. The government has said the slowdown has been partly engineered to make room for retooling the economy to ensure future growth is cleaner, more sustainable, less dependent on heavy investment and more reliant on consumption.

China’s economy is set to grow at its slackest pace in 23 years this year, at 7.5 percent, as its export sales falter on fragile global demand. Li reiterated that the 7.5 percent growth target for 2013 remains intact, but noted that weak exports sales were a risk. “If the exports drop sharply, it would bring employment problem,” Li said. Exports can directly create about 30 million jobs and add another 100 million jobs in other related industries, Li said, adding that every one percentage point in economic growth can create 1.3 million or even 1.5 million jobs.

Reuters

Taiwan, Japan set to sign five agreements

**TAIPEI, 5 Nov — Taiwan and Japan will sign five mostly trade-related agreements in Taipei on Tuesday afternoon, the island’s Foreign Ministry said.**

The five agreements and memoranda of understanding are those on electronic commerce, cooperation on pharmaceutical regulations, railway cooperation, mutual recognition of patent priority claims and air and maritime search and rescue.

“Recent years, the two sides have inked an investment arrangement, an open skies deal, a mutual recognition agreement on telecommunications equipment, a fisheries arrangement and MOUs on strengthening industrial cooperation, accelerating the patent application process and prevention of money laundering,” Deputy Foreign Minister Kuo Jung-fu said.

The man, who requested anonymity, and his family had filed a damages suit with the Seoul Central District Court against after his acquittal was confirmed in a retrial in September last year.

The names of more than a dozen other people have been cleared in retrials after they faced similar charges of national security law violations in the 1970s to 1980s and served time, with the court finding that accusations against them were fabricated through torture.

While the state has been ordered to redress some of the victims, the latest compensation ordered by the Seoul court is believed to be the largest.

The man has declined to comment on the ruling, saying he has yet to see the court document. Another ethnic Korean man who has been found innocent after going through a similar ordeal said, “We lost our health due to torture and our lives were altered because of long prison terms. Considering the seriousness of the damage, the amount of compensation seems proper, but we cannot retrieve what was lost.”

Kyodo News

S Korea told to redress Korean man from Japan over false spy charge

**SEOUL, 5 Nov — A South Korean court has ordered the government to pay a compensation of about 2.9 billion won (about $2.73 million) to an ethnic Korean man from Japan who had served about 15 years in prison after being falsely accused of spying for North Korea, according to a source familiar with the matter.**

The Seoul Central District Court against after his acquittal was confirmed in a retrial in September last year.

The man, who requested anonymity, and his family had filed a damages suit with the Seoul Central District Court against after his acquittal was confirmed in a retrial in September last year.

The names of more than a dozen other people have been cleared in retrials after they faced similar charges of national security law violations in the 1970s to 1980s and served time, with the court finding that accusations against them were fabricated through torture.

While the state has been ordered to redress some of the victims, the latest compensation ordered by the Seoul court is believed to be the largest.

The man has declined to comment on the ruling, saying he has yet to see the court document. Another ethnic Korean man who has been found innocent after going through a similar ordeal said, “We lost our health due to torture and our lives were altered because of long prison terms. Considering the seriousness of the damage, the amount of compensation seems proper, but we cannot retrieve what was lost.”

Kyodo News

S Korea, Japan, China to hold senior officials’ talks on Thursday

**SEOUL, 5 Nov — Senior diplomats from South Korea, Japan and China will hold talks on Thursday in Seoul to discuss regional and international issues of common interest, South Korea’s Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday.**

South Korean Deputy Foreign Minister Lee Kyung Soo, Japanese Deputy Foreign Minister Shinso Sugiyama and Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Liu Zhenmin will head the delegations at the meeting, the eight of its kind.

Diplomatic sources said earlier that the officials would coordinate views on the feasibility of holding a trilateral summit by year-end, though such a possibility appears to be slim amid Japan’s soured relations with China and South Korea.

South Korea initially planned to host a trilateral summit in May, but it was put off due to China’s unwillingness to hold such talks amid tensions over the Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea, administered by Japan but claimed by China and Taiwan.—Kyodo News

Kyodo News

An opening ceremony is held for a photo exhibition co-sponsored by Vietnam News Agency and Kyodo News in Hanoi on 4 Nov, 2013. The exhibition, marking the Vietnam-Japan Friendship Year and the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries, features some 50 photographs under the central theme “Vietnam and Japan: Together to a New Horizon.”—Kyodo News
Wedding Reception
Parents of both Families request the honour of your presence at the Marriage Reception of
May The War B.Sc(Physics)
dughter of
(Mr. Kyaw Myint) & Mrs. Law Kyu to
Ba Han B.Sc(Maths)
CP Badminton Coach New York USA
Son of
(Mr. Sein) & Mrs. Hnin Shwe
on Sunday 3rd November 2013,
6:00 pm, at the Ground Floor Ballroom of
Western Park Royal Restaurant

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER
(11/2013)

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United State Dollar/Myanmar Kyats.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sr.No</th>
<th>Tender No</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Qty.</th>
<th>Remark</th>
<th>Unit Price</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(2)</td>
<td>IFB-084(2013-2014)</td>
<td>Spare for Main Air Compressor, Oxygen Generator and Oxygen Compressor</td>
<td>(10)</td>
<td>Items</td>
<td>US$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(3)</td>
<td>IFB-085(2013-2014)</td>
<td>Roller Chains and Sprockets</td>
<td>(18)</td>
<td>Items</td>
<td>US$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(4)</td>
<td>IFB-086(2013-2014)</td>
<td>2 7/8”x6.5 lbs/ft J55 EUE Tubing</td>
<td>(5000)</td>
<td>Mtr</td>
<td>US$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(5)</td>
<td>IFB-087(2013-2014)</td>
<td>Bearings and Seals for PZ-7 Rig</td>
<td>(6)</td>
<td>Items</td>
<td>US$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(6)</td>
<td>IFB-088(2013-2014)</td>
<td>Pumpe Ex NAT 55/1 Drilling Rig</td>
<td>(5)</td>
<td>Items</td>
<td>US$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(7)</td>
<td>IFB-089(2013-2014)</td>
<td>Skid Mounted Single Pump Cementing Unit (With Engine Driven)</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>Unit</td>
<td>US$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(9)</td>
<td>IFB-091(2013-2014)</td>
<td>Type Diesel Engine Driven Portable Welding Machine &amp; Accessories</td>
<td>(4)</td>
<td>Units</td>
<td>US$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(10)</td>
<td>IFB-092(2013-2014)</td>
<td>BOP Control Accumulator Unit</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>Set</td>
<td>US$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(11)</td>
<td>IFB-093(2013-2014)</td>
<td>6x8 R Mixing Pump</td>
<td>(3)</td>
<td>Sets</td>
<td>US$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(13)</td>
<td>DMP/L-040(2013-2014)</td>
<td>Hydraulic Oil Light (Hol)</td>
<td>(270)</td>
<td>Drums</td>
<td>Kyat</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(15)</td>
<td>DMP/L-042(2013-2014)</td>
<td>5 KW Diesel Engine Driven Generating Set (3 Sets) &amp; SHP 3 Phase Induction Motor (1) No</td>
<td>(2)</td>
<td>Items</td>
<td>US$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(16)</td>
<td>DMP/L-043(2013-2014)</td>
<td>Telephone Cable (3 Items) &amp; Cordless Telephone</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>Lot</td>
<td>Kyat</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Tender Closing Date & Time - 2-12-2013, 16:30 Hrs.
- Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 4th November, 2013 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.
- Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
- Ph: +95 67-411097/411206

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV MALTE RAMBOW VOY NO (1348)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV MALTE RAMBOW VOY NO (1348) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6.11.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.L.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV IMEX TRANS-08 VOY NO (-)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV IMEX TRANS-08 VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6.11.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(5) where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

TEPCO to conduct test for Fukushima
Four unit fuel removal

Tokyo, 5 Nov — Tokyo Electric Power Co will conduct a test for nuclear fuel removal at the No 4 reactor building at the stricken Fukushima Dai-ichi power plant, delaying the start of the actual fuel removal operation by up to two weeks, sources close to the matter said on Monday.

The operator of the plant, crippled in the March 2011 quake and tsunami disaster, planned to start removing nuclear fuel from a cooling pool at the reactor building as early as next Friday.

The decision comes after a government-affiliated nuclear safety agency called for an initial test operation, including transporting a protective fuel cask from the storage pool to another pool in a different building about 100 meters away for more stable conditions for cooling spent fuel, the sources said. The administrative agency, the Japan Nuclear Energy Safety Organization, has already inspected equipment to be used in the fuel removal work on behalf of the Nuclear Regulation Authority.

It also urged TEPCO to have the planned work evaluated by a group of Japanese and overseas experts formed by the International Research Institute for Nuclear Decommissioning, a Tokyo-based organization founded by Japanese government agencies, nuclear facility manufacturers and electric power companies.

Kyodo News
Krrish 3 going strong, collects Rs 23 crore on second day

Delhi, 5 Nov — It’s a double celebration for Hrithik Roshan and the Krrish 3 team as the Diwali release is going strong at the box office and has collected Rs 23 crore on the second day of its release.

“Krrish 3 is fabulous on day two, despite pre-Diwali festivities at its peak. Collects Rs 23 crore (HindiTamilTelugu) on Saturday. Outstanding,” tweeted trade analyst Taran Adarsh.

Directed and produced by Rakesh Roshan, the superhero sci-fi drama, made on a budget of about Rs 100-Rs 150 crore, got a grand opening when it was released on Friday. The film earned Rs 25 crore on the first day, informed Adarsh through his tweet.

Another trade pundit Komal Nahta is confident that Krrish 3 will move up on the success ladder.

Scorsese, Hockney honoured at LA intersection of art and film

Los Angeles, 5 Nov — American film director Martin Scorsese and British artist David Hockney were honored at the Art + Film Gala, an annual gathering that aims to bring the art and movie industries of Los Angeles closer together.

In a Saturday night event heavy with Hollywood actors and studio executives at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, or LACMA, the Oscar-winning director Scorsese was praised for helping save the museum’s film program when it was nearly scrapped during the financial crisis, and for his work on film restoration.

Hockney, a multimedia artist who lived and painted for decades in Los Angeles, was recognized for the way he captured the city, from swimming pools to Mulholland Drive images that came to define Southern California for many.

“I first arrived in Los Angeles, almost 50 years ago in January 1964, and they were just putting up this building,” said the 76-year-old Hockney, who moved back to England a few years ago. “It is getting bigger and bigger.” LACMA is one of California’s most important museums and it has played a leading role in the burgeoning art scene in Los Angeles.

The gala drew actors such as Warren Beatty, Tom Hanks and Jane Fonda, while British singer Sting was the night’s entertainment. It raised $4.1 million for LACMA’s film program.

Shah Rukh Khan: I see the next SRK in AbRam

“Each year, we run after to achieve something big, may it be big films, awards. I know it is all important and its been 22 years and I have decided to focus on small things. In the race of catching big things, we miss small things,” Shah Rukh said.

“This year, I want to spend time with my children. I look forward to spending quality time with my children. They are growing older and getting busy in their own lives, so I am trying to get into it. So, I have dedicated this year for small little happiness,” he added.

The actor who has achieved everything in life says on the professional front he has not achieved everything.

“On the professional front, I have not achieved everything. There is a long way to go. I try to get better with my each film and I will continue to do that till my last breath.”—PTI

Shah Rukh Khan says that he wants to spend time with his children this year.

Mumbai, 5 Nov—King Khan, who is ruling the Bollywood industry, says he sees the next Shah Rukh Khan in his son AbRam.

When asked who in the young set of actors has the capability to be the next Shah Rukh Khan, he said: “I see the next SRK in AbRam, but it will take time.”

He said he has dedicated this year for small things and little happiness.
Fiorente wins Melbourne Cup, redemption for Oliver

Jockey Damien Oliver crosses the finish line riding race favourite Fiorente to win the A$6 million ($5.7 million) Melbourne Cup at Flemington Racecourse in Melbourne on 5 Nov, 2013.—Reuters

Barca missing Messi mojo before Milan clash

Barcelona’s Lionel Messi looks at the ball during a training session at the San Siro stadium in Milan on 21 Oct, 2013.—Reuters

Woods heralds return with spectacular Turkey photoshoot

US golfer Tiger Woods guides a boy as he puts on a hole during an event to meet with young athletes in Singapore on 1 Nov, 2013.—Reuters

Being number one is not the goal anymore, says Nadal

London, 5 Nov — Barr ing an unlikely set of cir cumstances over the next fortnight, Rafael Nadal will end a year as the world’s top-ranked player for the third time but it will cut no ice with the Spaniard. “Yes, I would rather be number one than not,” the 27-year-old told reporters at the ATP World Tour Finals in London on Monday. “(But) it’s not the goal any more.”

This time last year Nadal was holed up in Mal lorca recovering from a debilitating left knee injury that sidelined him for seven months and prompted many to doubt his longevity at the top of the sport.

Since returning in February, however, Nadal has soared to new heights, reaching the final of 13 of the 16 tournaments he entered, winning 10 of them on what he says is his least favoured surface, Djokovic would still have to regain his title here and win his singles rubbers at next week’s Davis Cup final against Czech Republic to stand any chance of over taking the Spaniard.

Whatever happens, Nadal will not be losing any sleep over it.

Woods will then travel down to the south-western city of Antalya on the Mediterranean coast to take on Europe’s finest in the $7 million tournament at the Montgomerie Maxx Royal course.

The 14-times major winner also played in last year’s invitational eight-man World Golf Final in Turkey but this season marks the first time the country has hosted an of ficial European Tour event.

“I had a great time during my first visit to Turkey... and I’m looking forward to playing there once again,” Woods said in a news release.

He has not played a stroke play competition since finishing tied for 22nd place at the Tour Champions hip in Atlanta in September, the final event of the US PGA Tour’s money-spinning FedExCup series.

Reuters

Fiorente, runner-up to Green Moon last year, enjoyed a textbook ride in the grueling two-mile handicap from three-time winner Oliver, who a year ago was embroiled in scandal amid an illegal betting probe.

Oliver coaxed the six-year-old stallion to the front in the final 100 metres to beat British stayer Red Cadeaux by three-quarters of a length with Mount Athos finishing third.

The win in the 153rd running of the Cup, one of the world’s richest races, was especially satisfying for 41-year-old Oliver, who only returned to the saddle in September after serving a 10-month ban for betting on a rival horse in 2010.

His presence in last year’s race aboard American provok ed much debate as news of his complicity in the illegal betting scandal swirled in the lead-up.

Oliver was backed by Sydney-based trainer Gai Waterhouse on his return and he rewarded the grand dame of Australian racing with her first Melbourne Cup.

In addition to last year’s heartbreak, Water house also tasted the disappointment of runner-up finishes with Te Akau Nick in 1993 and Nothin Leica Dane in 1995.

“Gai was the first of many people to get behind me when I came back,” an emotional Oliver, who rode 1995 winner Doriemus and Media Puzzle in 2002, said trackside.

“There’s a lot of emotion going through my body right now.”

Waterhouse hailed Ol iv er’s ride which saw Irish import Fiorente, carrying 55 kg from barrier five and backed into 6-1, edge ahead of the Ed Dunlop-trained Red Cadeaux in front of a heaving crowd of more than 100,000.

“Didn’t he ride him a treat?!” a glowing Waterhouse, wearing a necklace of huge pearls and a teal-coloured dress and hat, said trackside.

“I think (backing Oli ver) was the crux. I think it was what won us the Cup,” the 59-year-old later told reporters.—Reuters

But the win was not without controversy.

Barcelona coach Gerardo Martino, who like Messi hails from the city of Rosario, played down concerns about the player’s form after his grand slam haul to 13, just four behind the total of Roger Federer.

His dominance took him to a play above Novak Djokovic at the top of the world rankings on 7 October and, for the record, he would become the first player to twice regain the year-end No 1 spot after losing it should he win two matches here.

Even if Nadal flops...
**Mourinho wants big improvement against Schalke**

LONDON, 5 Nov

Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho, who said he made “11 mistakes” in his team selection after Chelsea lost to Newcastle United on Saturday, will not want to get it wrong again when Schalke 04 visit Stamford Bridge in the Champions League on Wednesday.

Chelsea won 3-0 at Schalke two weeks ago and are top of Group E by virtue of that win, with both teams on six points from three games.

Mourinho told reporters after Chelsea’s 2-0 defeat at St James’ Park that he was angry and worried by the performance that ended their run of six successive wins in all competitions.

“I made 11 mistakes, 11 mistakes. I should have picked another 11 and not this one,” he said.

“When my team plays so badly, it’s the feeling I have. I am angry because I don’t understand why we lost,” he said, adding that he was also “worried” about their away form which has produced one win in five away league games.

It would be a real upset if Chelsea failed to secure the win that would put them within touching distance the win that would put them within touching distance of reaching the knockout stage of the Champions League. Mourinho plans to make changes to the team.

“I will be making a lot of changes for sure,” he said before leaving St James’ Park.

Schalke’s players got their own wake-up call from club president Clemens Toennies last week and they responded by bouncing back from successive defeats to Chelsea and Borussia Dortmund in the Bundesliga to win 2-0 at Hertha Berlin on Saturday.

The players, who kept a clean sheet for the first time in five games, ran more than in any other league game and coach Jens Keller was pleased with their defending.

“What my team can take out of this game is that, when they are compact and defend set-pieces well, it’s hard for anybody to score against us,” he said.

Keller will have Kevin-Prince Boateng fit after the attacking midfielder returned to action on Saturday following a knee injury.

“We’re in London and we know what quality they’ve got,” Boateng said.

“We’re looking to get at least a point there. We’re going to have to keep a clean sheet.”

Boateng, who joined late in the transfer window from AC Milan, said he was gradually getting back to his top form.

“The knee is getting better by the game,” he said. “You just need games to get to full fitness and sharpness.”

---

**Gov’t to mull expanding duty-free sales for foreign tourists**

**Tokyo, 5 Nov — The Japanese government will consider expanding the range of duty-free products for foreign tourists in a bid to bolster consumption and the economy. Finance Minister Taro Aso said on Saturday, “If (the measure) benefits the tourism industry, it is certainly worth considering.” Aso also said at a Press conference.**

As part of fiscal 2014 tax reform, the Japan Tourism Agency has proposed the addition of foodstuffs, beverages, tobacco, pharmaceutical products and cosmetics to a list of tax-exempt items for foreign travelers who have filed out necessary documents at duty-free shops in the country. The proposal is aimed at attracting travelers and mitigating the negative impact of the sales tax hike to 8 percent from the current 5 percent next April.

In many parts of the world, including member nations of the European Union, all products bought by foreign travelers are tax exempt and tax refunds are made on departure, the agency said. — Kyodo News

---

**One million Cambodian children received new measles, rubella vaccine**

PHEON PENH, 5 Nov — The total number of Cambodian children immunized in the nationwide campaign with measles and rubella vaccines has already reached one million, the Ministry of Health announced on Tuesday. Health Minister Mam Bunheng launched the campaign against these two children’s diseases on 21 October, aiming to vaccinate all children in the country, totaling over 4 million, between 9 months of age and 15 years with the measles and rubella.

To date, Phase I with 9 provinces is nearing completion. Over one million children already vaccinated, the Ministry said in the statement, adding that Phase II will run through November, followed by Phase III in December.

“The demand for measles and rubella vaccine has been almost overwhelming. Every school is having its scheduled vaccination session, thanks to great cooperation between health and school authorities,” Mam Bunheng said in the statement.

“I urge every family in the country to bring their children to join in this campaign as it continues across the country in the next two months.” The aim of the campaign is to protect as many children as possible from both measles and rubella disease, the statement said.

---

**Mexican armed forces take over security in key Pacific port**

MEXICO CITY, 5 Nov — Mexican armed forces have taken charge of security in the Pacific port of Lazaro Cardenas, a major cargo hub in a part of the country struggling to contain violent drug gangs. The government said on Monday that units of the army, navy and federal police were moving in to oversee access to and around Lazaro Cardenas, one of Mexico’s principal gateways to trade with Asia, on the southern flank of Michoacan state.

Michoacan has been a regular flashpoint for shootings and attacks on officials since President Enrique Pena Nieto took power 11 months ago pledging to bring an end to widespread violence stemming from warring drug cartels.

Government spokesman Eduardo Sanchez said the decision to replace local police in Lazaro Cardenas was part of a series of measures aimed at restoring stability to Michoacan.

The specter of terrorism was conjured up by some security experts when various installations belonging to Mexico’s state-run electricity company were temporarily knocked out in a series of attacks in Michoacan last weekend. Throughout the year, serious gunfights have broken out in the state and a state mesmerized himself admitted this summer that gangs had taken control of parts of Michoacan.

Among the victims of the local violence was a vice admiral killed in a road ambush in July, and a police chief himself killed.

---

**Two-time women’s world champion Miki Ando performs in the women’s free programme at the Eastern Japan Figure Skating Championships in Maebashi, Gunma Prefecture on 4 Nov, 2013. Ando finished second overall to earn a spot in December’s national championships, which will be used to select Japan’s figure skating squad for the Sochi Games in February.**

---

**MYANMAR TV**

6:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly
2. Region Missionary Sayadaw
6:25 am
2. Physical Exercises
6:35 am
3. Musical Programme
6:45 am
4. Documentary
7:00 am
5. News/Weather Report
7:20 am
6. Pyi Thu Ni Ti
7:40 am
7. Documentary
8:00 am
8. News/International News
8:25 am
9. Sing A Song
9:00 am
10. News/International News
9:25 am
11. Mono Classical Songs
10:00 am
12. News
10:20 am
13. TV Drama Series
11:10 am
14. Teleplay
11:25 am
15. Documentary
11:40 am
16. Approaching Science Discovery World
12:00 pm
12:25 pm
18. Myanmar Movies
1:30 pm
19. Musical Programme
2:45 pm
20. Documentary
3:00 pm
1. News
3:15 pm
2. India Drama Series
4:00 pm
4:15 pm
4. India Drama Series
4:30 pm
25. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures)
4:45 pm
26. Classical Song
5:00 pm
27. News
5:15 pm
28. Documentary (Fashion Show)
5:40 pm
29. Road To 27th SEA Games (Sephak Takraw)
6:00 pm
6:20 pm
31. Documentary (EAGA Games)
6:30 pm
32. Shwe Yin Khon Than
7:00 pm
33. News
7:25 pm
34. Kyae Pwint Myawye
Yin Khon Than
8:00 pm
8:35 pm
36. Documentary
9:00 pm
37. News
9:45 pm
38. Fine Arts-Boson of Dramatic Performance

**New Light of Myanmar**

Wednesday, 6 November, 2013

15

R/489 Printed and published by the New Light of Myanmar press in Nay Pyi Taw, the News and Periodicals Enterprise, Ministry of Information.
Region’s budget request is three times higher than those of seven other states

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—Additional Budget Alloca-
tion Bill for 2013-2014 FY was discussed at 9th day 
session of Pyidaungsu Hlut-
taw here today.

Deputy Minister for 
Border Affairs Maj Gen 
Maung Maung Ohn replied 
that the budget earmarked 
for 2013-2014 FY for Shan 
State (north, south and east) 
and self-administrated re-
gions is K 41920.123 mil-
lion. Its budget is much 
more than other region/state 
as Shan State is the largest 
state in Myanmar.

Deputy Minister for 
Cooperatives U Than Tun 
said that loan will be dis-
bursed only to the farmers 
and growers who actu-
ally are doing or will do 
farming and cooperatives 
members based on farmer 
reports when a 100 million 
USD loan from China ExIm 
Bank is received. Myanmar 
will have to repay a loan of 
129.125 million USD (K 126542.5 million) over 
ten years—a initial capital 
loan of 100 million USD (K 98000 million), manage-
ment fees of 1 million USD 
(K 980 million) plus an in-
terest rate of 28.125 million 
USD (K 27562.50 million).

With regard to the 
question of MP U Min Swe 
of DaikU Constituency on 
upgrade of roads, Deputy 
Minister for Livestock, 
Fisheries and Rural De-
velopment U Khin Maung 
Aye replied that the budget 
request for upgrades of the 
entrance road to Aye Thu 
Kha Village is K 425,935 
million. The purpose is to 
enable people there enjoy 
better communications and 
high socio-economic status. 
Regarding the discus-
sion by MP Daw Nan Wah 
Nu of Kunhing Constituen-
cy, region’s budget request 
is three times higher than 
those of seven other states 
as the budget is earmarked 
on a priority basis in ac-
cord with Rural Develop-
ment Department’s budget 
policy.

The additional budget 
request (2012-2013 FY) for 
purchases of machines of 
(See page 9)

Governor-General of Commonwealth of 
Australia arrives in Yangon

YANGON, 5 Nov—At 
the invitation of President 
of the Republic of the Un-
ion of Myanmar U Thein 
Sein and wife Daw Khin 
Khin Win, Governor-Gen-
eral of Commonwealth of 
Australia Ms Quentin 
Bryce AC CVO and her 
husband Mr Michael Bryce 
AM AE arrive at Yangon 
(See page 9)

Servicemen, local authorities, 
departments, local people provide 
assistance to flood victims

BAGO, 5 Nov—Heavy 
rains caused higher water 
level of Sittoung River in 
Toungoo District as of 28 
October and it reached the 
highest level at 713 cm on 
31 October. On 5 Novem-
ber, the water level declined 
to 534 cm from 713 cm 
gradually. 

A total of 49848 peo-
ple from 13674 house-
holds from 48 wards and 
village-tracts in townships of 
Toungoo District were 
accommodated at 72 relief 
camps from 29 October 
to 1 November. Yedashe 
Township opened 28 relief 
camps for 19059 victims of 
5041 households, Toung-
go Township, 33 relief 
camps for 15830 victims 
from 3953 households, Ot-
twin Township, 11 camps 
for 8838 victims of 2178 
houses, Htantabin 
Township, 6121 people 
from 2510 households. The 
district opened 72 
relief camps for 49848 
victims from 13674 house-
holds from 48 wards and 
villages. 

As river water receded, 
15830 victims from 3953 
households were left at 33 
relief camps, (See page 9)

Myanmar basketball team to snatch 
victory in 27th SEA Games

Players of 
Myanmar 
basketball 
team in 
intensive 
training as 
prepara-
tions for 
taking part 
in XX-
VII SEA 
Games.

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov— 
Myanmar basketball players 
would like to clinch vic-
tory in the 27th SEA Games 
to be hosted in December, 
according to Secretary of 
Myanmar Basketball Fed-
eration U Kyaw Kyaw Win. 

"Myanmar basketball 
players are receiving inten-
sive training for achieving 
success in the SEA Games 

The additional budget request (2012-2013 FY) for purchases of machines of

Basketball is a unique-
ly American sport. Though 
it has spread Myanmar for 
many years, it is not the 
most popular sport among 
Myanmar young genera-
tion. Basketball tourney of the SEA Games would be held at Zeyathiri Sports 
hall (A) in Nay Pyi Taw 
from 8 to 16 December. Myanmar basketball enthu-
thusiasts would witness 
progress of Myanmar basketball players in the matches.

MMAL-Maung Shwe Yoe

Myanmar selected youth golf 
team leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 5 Nov—My-
anmar selected youth men’s 
and women’s golf team 
left here for Thailand by air 
today to participate in the 
6th Singha Thailand Junior 
world golf championships 
2013 from 7 to 11 Novem-
ber. They were seen off by 
officials of Myanmar Golf 
Federation and their fami-

NLM