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The ceremony was 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, Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Oo, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Mya Thein, Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Union ministers, the Auditor-General of the Union, the Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air), the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, departmental heads and staff families.

The President and wife offered alms to the Chairman of the SSMNC Abbot of Chaunghtegyi Pagoda Monastery Sasana Nugaha Building Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Khemindaasami who administered the Nine Precepts and the members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

The President and wife donated offerings to the Chairman of the SSMNC Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Aungdagun Monastery of Pyinmana Bhaddanta Pandava.

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**Pyithu Hluttaw delegation arrives back from China**

YANGON, 6 Nov—A delegation led by Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo arrived back, here, yesterday evening after paying a goodwill visit to the People’s Republic of China at the invitation of Foreign Affairs Committee of the PRC Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress.

The Pyithu Hluttaw delegation met Vice Chairman of Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress Mr Chen Changzhi, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the NPC Madame Fu Ying, Vice Minister of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee (IDCCP) Mr Ai Ping, Vice Foreign Minister of China Mr Liu Zhenmin and Vice Chairman of Guangzhou State National People’s Committee Madame Lai Yulan.

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**Sydney University to cooperate with Myanmar Medical Universities**

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thein Khin met a goodwill delegation led by Governor of New South Wales of Commonwealth of Australia Mrs. Marie Bashir at his office here yesterday.

They sought ways to cooperate in reducing child and maternal mortality rate in Myanmar, cooperation between Sydney University and Myanmar Medical Universities and providing aids to basic health staff training.—MNA

**International Sports**

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**Pre SEA Games test match of cane-ball sport from 6th to 8th Nov**

Pre SEA Games test match of the Myanmar traditional cane-ball sport will be held from 6th to 8th November at Nay Pyi Taw Wunna Theikdi Stadium.

Four men’s teams and four women’s teams will participate in the test match.—Sai Nyi Lay, Photo: Shine Htet Zaw

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**Fire destroys cafe at TadaU Airport, not affects airport services**

TADAU, 6 Nov—Fire damaged a cafe at the TadaU International Airport yesterday, but it did not affect the airport services.

No one was hurt in the incident which was caused by overheating of a refrigerator at the cafe. The fire destroyed the 30 ft x 60 ft cafe and the loss due to the fact that fire is estimated to be around K35 million, according the Fire Services Department.

It took 30 minutes for fifty-nine firemen and 15 staff of the airport to bring the fire under control. The fire was extinguished at 2 am.—Ba Oo, Photo: Ko Pank (TadaU)

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**International KBZ Insurance Co Ltd opens office in Monywa**

MONYWA, 6 Nov—International KBZ Insurance Co Ltd opened its office for Sagaing Region on 4 November at No 20 on Bogoye Aung San Road in Monywa.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Maung Maung Thein called for promoting the insurance services so that it can reach not only towns but also villages as it would help ensuring poverty reduction in the country. International KBZ Insurance Co Ltd is one of the 11 private insurance companies which got permission from the government. International KBZ Insurance Co Ltd opened its offices in Yangon 12th, June 2013, in Mandalay on 24th September, 2013, in Taunggyi, Shan State, on 26th, September 2013, in Mawlamyine, Mon State, on 10th October, 2013.—Kyemon
JERUSALEM, 6 Nov — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Wednesday peace talks with the Palestinians had failed to make real progress and he hoped visiting US Secretary of State John Kerry could get them back on track.

The grim picture painted by the right-wing leader was similar to the one sketched by senior Palestinians, who have said an Israeli plan proposed last week for 3,500 more settler homes in the occupied West Bank was a major obstacle to the success of the negotiations.

“I am concerned about the progress because I see the Palestinians continuing with incitement, continuing to create artificial crises, continuing to avoid, run away from the historic decisions that are needed to make a genuine peace,” Netanyahu told reporters, with a stone-faced Kerry at his side.

Netanyahu said he hoped Kerry’s discussions in Jerusalem and with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas “will help steer (the negotiations) back to a place where we could achieve the historical peace that we seek.”

Kerry, whose shuttle diplomacy helped to revive the land-for-peace talks last July after a three-year break, said he was confident progress could be made in the six months remaining in a nine-month target window for a deal.

But he also acknowledged the negotiations had run into difficulties and spoke of a need for “real compromises and hard decisions” from both sides.

US Secretary of State John Kerry (L) meets with Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem on 6 Nov 2013. — Reuters

“President Obama sees the road ahead as do I and we share a belief in this process or we wouldn’t put time into it,” said Kerry, who arrived in Israel on Tuesday.

Few details have emerged from the negotiations held at unannounced times and at secret locations in line with pledges to keep a lid on leaks.

But Palestinian officials have been airing their frustration over a lack of movement on core issues such as the borders of a Palestinian state, security arrangements, the future of Israeli settlements and the fate of Palestinian refugees.

Abbas, in a speech broadcast on Monday, said that after all the rounds of negotiations “there is nothing more to negotiate.”

Public friction between the two sides has been focused on Israel’s public linkage of its release of Palestinian prisoners and its drive to erect more homes for settlers.

Anti-austerity strike brings Greece to a halt during troika visit

Athens, 6 Nov — Greek schools shut and flights were disrupted as workers held a general strike on Wednesday to protest austerity imposed by foreign lenders, whose inspectors were in Athens to review the country’s performance under its bailout.

The 24-hour walkout by Greece’s largest public and private sector unions brought much of the crisis-hit country to a standstill a day after officials from the “troika” of European Commission, European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund resumed their latest bailout review.

“Workers, pensioners and the unemployed are going through an endless nightmare,” port workers said in a statement.

“The government and the troika are destroying this country.”

Labour unions fear Greece will have to impose further wage and pension cuts to meet its bailout targets in the coming years, union officials said. Greece and its lenders are at odds over the size of a projected budget hole next year, which has spurred speculation of a new round of unpopular cuts.

The unions are also protesting against planned public sector job cuts and privatizations.

School teachers, doctors, municipal workers, train workers and bus drivers are among the groups that joined the strike. Air traffic controllers said they would stop working between 1000 and 1300 GMT, disrupting flights.

Later in the day, thousands of people are expected to march to the central Syntagma square before parliament, where police and protestors have clashed in the past.

“United we can stop them, we can topple them,” public sector union ADEDY said in a statement before the strike.

Greece is in its sixth year of a recession, and re-peated rounds of austerity have squeezed households and sent unemployment to record highs of over 27 percent.

ADEDY and private sector union GSEE have brought people to the streets repeatedly since the crisis broke out in 2009. The protests have tested the government’s will to implement spending cuts and reforms prescribed by the troika. — Reuters
Robot makers bullish over China’s market

BEIJING, 6 Nov — Global robot makers such as Germany’s KUKA are bullish on the opportunities for automation in China’s manufacturing sector, Kong Bing, China head of German industrial robot maker KUKA, said in an interview at the fair, which opened yesterday. He cited China’s low robot density of robots used. According to the International Federation of Robotics, highly automated countries like Japan, South Korea and Germany use between 270 and 400 industrial robots per 10,000 employees in the manufacturing industry while China uses only 20. But ironcally China is the biggest market by the total number of robots installed. In 2012, IFR estimated that between 28,000 and 35,000 robots were installed, including supplies by Chinese companies. Kong said KUKA will start making robots at a new plant in Shanghai by year’s end to boost supply in China. He declined to give figures, saying capacity will grow gradually at the plant.

Sony to charge monthly fee for multiplayer games on PS4

TOKYO, 6 Nov — Sony Corp plans to charge a monthly fee of $9.99 in the United States and 6.99 euros ($9.40) in Europe for playing multiplayer online games on its PlayStation 4 (PS4) console scheduled to debut this month, the Nikkei business daily reported without citing sources. Multiplayer games can be played for free on PlayStation 3. Sony plans to charge 500 yen ($5.00) a month for multiplayer games in Japan when the new console debuts in February, the Nikkei said. The fee is expected to be announced by the company in June this year, a spokes-woman for Sony Computer Entertainment America told Reuters.

In addition to the monthly option, the company will continue to offer its online multiplayer games service at an annual membership fee of $49.99 or less than $5 a month, the spokeswoman said. Sony plans to make PS4 more attractive by including more social networking functions, such as the ability to chat with fellow players, the Nikkei reported. Microsoft Corp’s Xbox One will also launch this month.

India successfully launches maiden Mars mission

NEW DELHI, 6 Nov — India on Tuesday successfully launched its maiden mission to Mars from the spaceport of Sriharikota in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, thus scripting history by becoming only the fourth in the world after the United States, Russia and Europe to undertake interplanetary journey. The 317 million US dollars worth Mars Orbiter mission, nicknamed “Mangalyaan”, launching from the spaceport of Sriharikota in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, India, on 5 Nov, 2013.

Los Angeles, 6 Nov — One out of every five sun-like stars in the Milky Way galaxy has a planet about the size of Earth that is properly positioned for water, a key ingredient for life, a study released on Monday showed. The analysis, based on three years of data collected by NASA’s now-idled Kepler space tele-scopes, indicates the galaxy is home to 10 billion poten-tially habitable worlds. The number grows exponential-ly if the count also includes planets circling cooler red dwarf stars, the most common type of star in the galaxy.

“Planets seem to be the rule rather than exception,” study leader Erik Petigura, an astronomy graduate student at the University of California at Berkeley, said during a conference call with reporters on Monday. Petigura wrote his own software programme to an-alyze the space telescope’s results and found 10 planets one-to-two times the diam-eter of Earth circling parent stars at the right distances for liquid surface water. The telescope worked by finding slight dips in the amount of light coming from target stars in the constella-tion Cygnus. Some light dips were due to orbit-ing planets passing in front of their parent stars, relative to the telescope’s sight.

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Singapore university sets up nanomedicine research institute

SINGAPORE, 6 Nov — Singapore’s Nanyang Technological University (NTU) said on Tuesday it is establishing a 60-mil-lion Singapore-dollar (48 million US dollars) nanomedicine research institute that focuses on the medical application of nanotech-nology. The first nano-medicine research institute in Southeast Asia will be headed by Professor Sub-bu Venkatraman, chair of the university’s School of Materials Science and Engineering. Chad Mirkin from Northwestern University, the United States, will be the chairman of its ad-visory committee. The International Institute of Nanotechnology based at Northwestern University, headed by Mirkin, will be its main collaborative part-ner.

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Testosterone tied to heart risks among older men

NEW YORK, 6 Nov — Older men who take testosterone are more likely to have a heart attack or stroke or die over the next few years, new research indicates. The study included men who were in their early 60s, on average. Most of them already had blocked heart arteries, high blood pressure, diabetes and other health problems. So it’s unclear what the findings mean for younger, healthier men who take testosterone, researchers said. “It does kind of raise the question of, maybe when patients and their physicians are thinking about starting testosterone therapy, potential risks such as the ones we looked at should be in that discussion,” said Dr P Michael Ho. He worked on the study at the VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System in Denver. Testosterone is recommended for men who make too little of the hormone on their own, a condition called hypogonadism. For them, testosterone can boost strength and sexual functioning. But advertising campaigns for testosterone products may be reaching a bigger pool of men—who are tired or depressed, for instance, but don’t have clinically low testosterone levels. One study found the proportion of middle-aged US men getting testosterone treatment more than tripled over the last decade. Not all of those men had undergone a blood test to see if they really needed it. The long-term risks of taking testosterone are largely unknown, according to Ho and his colleagues. Some studies suggest it may worsen sleep apnea or prostate cancer. The researchers collected information on about 8,700 men seen at Veterans Affairs hospitals who had low testosterone levels. Each of those men underwent a test to check for plaque buildup in his heart arteries between 2005 and 2011. Sometime after that test—which the researchers used to assess initial heart health—one in seven of the men started using testosterone gels, patches or injections. In the three years following their heart tests, 20 percent of men who didn’t start taking testosterone had a heart attack or stroke or died. That compared to about 5 percent of those who had started using testosterone.

When the researchers took into account the extent of men’s initial artery blockages, they calculated that using testosterone was tied to a 29 percent higher risk of heart attack, stroke or death. Those differences weren’t due to variations in blood pressure or cholesterol or in the use of heart drugs between the testosterone and non-testosterone groups. In fact, men who started using testosterone initially had fewer health problems than those who didn’t, the researchers wrote on Tues-day in the Journal of the American Medical Association. The finding that they still ended up having more cardiovascular problems “says, maybe there really is something that’s happening with that group,” Dr Anne R Cappola told Reuters Health.

Cappola, from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, wrote an editorial published with the new study. She agreed it’s hard to know how the results apply to younger men without pre-existing heart problems. But in that case, especially when men don’t have low testosterone, it’s even more important to consider possible risks, she said. “Men who are healthier, my question would be, why are you taking this? And is there any risk that’s acceptable for the benefits they are getting?” Cappola said. Among healthy men, “we just don’t know what the benefits are.” “I think (taking testosterone) is an individual decision, but I think it’s worth weighing the potential benefits of testosterone therapy versus any potential risks before starting it,” Ho told Reuters Health.

Cellphone a pain in the neck for addict

Beijing, 6 Nov — A 19-year-old man in Jiangsu Province, addicted to playing with cellphones, has been diagnosed with the medical condition cervical spondylitis, local media reported recently.

Cervical spondylitis is a general term for age-related wear and tear affecting the spinal disks in the neck. As the disks dehydrate and shrink, bone spurs and other signs of osteoarthritis develop.

Bing Bing, a student at a technical training school in Wuxi, who experienced breathing difficulties, headache and pain in the neck, was diagnosed with the condition, caused by long periods of bending his head to play with his cellphone, the Nanjing-based Modern Express reported.

Bing played with his cellphone for between four and five hours a day, said Yu Yaoting, a doctor at Xishan People’s Hospital in Wuxi.

PPF buys 65.9 percent stake in Telefonica’s Czech unit

PPF, owned by Petr Kellner, the Czech Republic’s richest man, said it would finance the deal through an equity tranche of 1.4 billion euros and a syndicated loan facility provided by a consortium led by Societe Generale (SOGN.PA.).

PPF said, on completion of the transaction, that it would launch a mandatory tender offer for the remaining shares of Telefonica Czech Republic. Spain’s Telefonica will keep a 4.9 percent stake in the Czech group and committed not to accept the subsequent mandatory tender offer, PPF said.
Palestinian gov’t receives report on Arafat’s death

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TEPCO expects Kashiwazaki-Kariwa plant to restart next July

Ramallah, 6 Nov — The Palestinian government has officially received a medical analysis report on the mysterious death of late leader Yasser Arafat, an official said on Tuesday.

However, the government committee investigating Arafat’s death, which received the report from a Swiss lab in Lausanne city, did not disclose the result.

“We will inform the Palestinian people about the results as soon as we know its scientific content,” Tawfiq Al-Tirawi, the head of the Palestinian committee, said in a statement.

Arafat died from an unknown disease while receiving treatment at a French hospital near Paris in 2004.

Palestinian officials hinted at Israeli being behind the death. The debate over the late leader’s death renewed last year when pan-Arab news channel Al-Jazeera reported that two of Colombia’s bombers violated its airspace over its San Andres island in the Caribbean Sea.

Arafat was poisoned and that traces of radioactive polonium-210 were found on his personal belongings.

The report prompted the examination of Arafat’s remains by experts from Switzerland, France and Russia, who took samples for examination of possible poisoning.

According to Al-Tirawi, the committee received the report by the Russian experts on November 2 and it’s also still being studied.

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos speaks at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts on 25 Sept, 2013.

Tajik leader Rakhmon set to extend long rule

Dushanbe, 6 Nov — Tajikistan on Wednesday started voting in a presidential election in which incumbent Imomali Rakhmon is set to win a new seven-year term to lead the Central Asian country that faces security threats from neighbouring Afghanistan.

The former head of a state farm, who has been in power since 1992, is running against five little-known, mainly loyal candidates who pose no threat.

The only genuine opposition candidate was unable to run.

But critics say Rakhmon, 61, faces mounting social tension in the Muslim state where about half the 8 million population live in poverty. More than 1 million work abroad, sending money home to their families. As polls opened at 6 am (0100 GMT), voters streamed to polling stations in the centre of the capital Dushanbe. At least 20 people were lining up to cast their ballots at polling station No. 104 at a secondary school.

Young people voting for the first time in their lives were given bunches of flowers. Tajik music blared on loudspeakers in various parts of the city.

“Our president is good, so we voted for him,” said pensioner Zikriyo Sharipov. Housewife Nazira Karaboyeva said she had opted for stability under Rakhmon and “for everything to stay as good as it is right now’’.

“I voted for His Excellency, for prosperity and freedom,’’ she added.

A turnout of at least 50 percent is required to make the election valid. Polls close at 8 pm (1500 GMT), and first official results are expected early on Thursday.

Despite widespread support at home, Moscow-backed Rakhmon could face security threats from Islamist militants in neighbouring Afghanistan after the planned withdrawal of US-led forces in 2014. Tajikistan also relies on a heroin trafficking route from Afghanistan to Russia and Europe.

Tajikistan did not conduct an election campaign, relying on extensive media coverage of trips across the country where he was met by jubilant crowds reciting poetry glorifying him.

In Dushanbe, he looks down from huge billboards, and stickers of him are plastered across the wind screens of taxis and buses. The other five candidates are featured mainly on modest leaflets at bus stops.

By barring moderate opposition candidate Oynilob Bobonazarova for not getting enough signatures of support, secular authorities risked radicalizing opponents in a country where tens of thousands were killed in a 1992-1997 civil war. Bobonazarova, a 65-year-old human rights activist, is backed by the Islamic Revival Party. Tajikistan’s second-largest political force, and by the opposition Social Democratic Party.

Many of Rakhmon’s opponents in the civil war won by his secular government are now in the Islamic Revival Party. But the opposition is weak and disparate, and there is official pressure on media and those accused of preaching radical Islam.

Bobonazarova said Rakhmon had developed a personality cult and people hid their true feelings.

Rakhmon is set to win a new term in power since 1992.

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Housings to be provided to staff members in Haka

HAKA, 6 Nov—Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development plans to build houssings in Haka of Chin State for staff who came from other regions to discharge duties in Chin State.

“We will construct one two-storey two-apartment building, one two-storey four-apartment building and one two-storey six-apartment building in 2013-2014 fiscal year in the open season,” said U Kyaw Khaiing, head of Township DSHSBD. At present, staff members have been settled at 60 one-storey two-room buildings and 19 one-storey buildings.

Private car overturns, leaving two dead, three injured

TOONGOO, 6 Nov—A Prado driven by a dozing driver on way back home from wedding reception overturned on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway in Ottwin Township of Bago Region on 4 November morning.

The accident left two dead and three seriously injured.

The Prado driven by Khin Maung Kyaw, 40 of Kyaukgyi Village in Phakant Township at 3.45 am on 2 November, members of No 10 Anti-Drug Squad, (Muse), together with witnesses, acting on a tip-off, raided the house of Min Tun, 40 in Bwambaragon Ward of Seikmu Village-tract in Phakant Township at 3.45 pm on 2 November.

They found four grams of opium oil solid from the cigarette case on the shelf worth K 27 million from a small basket in the bedroom.

Min Tun and Ma Phu Pwin Thet sustained serious injuries. On arrival at Pyu People’s Hospital, driver Khin Maung Kyaw and U Zaw Lwin died from injuries. The remaining injured were sent to Yangon.

An ambulance from 105th-Mile Myanmar Red Cross Society and in-charge Daw Than Than Myint and party, U Ko Ko Gyi and party of Arojam of 122nd mile and an ambulance from Bawdigon police station arrived there and sent the injured to Pyu Hospital.

Bawdigon Police Station opened a file of lawsuit over the traffic accident.

Over 2.7 million of property engulfed in fire

MINHLA, 6 Nov—A fire broke out at block 5 of Dahatbin oilfield in Upper Minhla Township of Magway Region. At 6.40 am on 2 November, Po Lone, 22, son of U Nwe of Kyunsubin Village of Pauk Township heated the engine to be operated at the oil well of U Chaw Po, 45, son of U Aung Mya of Chinmyit Village in Pale Township of Sagaing Region, in the plot of U Kyaw Khin, six furlongs northwest of MOGE tanks in Dahatbin oilfield.

The setting fire at the engine caused outbreak of fire, engulfing five oil wells, five machine and five crude oil barrels worth K 2.75 million.

SIPThetMaungMaung and party of Dahatbin oilfield police outpost and Head of Township Fire Services Department U Ye Nyunt and party totally put out the fire within 20 minutes.

Minhla police station filed a lawsuit against Po Lone under the law.

Donation of Sky Net receiver in progress.

National Sports

Sports fans take practice to encourage Myanmar athletes

MANDALAY, 6 Nov—Football fan clubs is now taking practice of songs for cheering the Myanmar selected women’s football team that will take part in the XXVII SEA Games, as of 1 November, at the grand stand of Bahtoo Stadium in Mandalay.

“Now, over 140 fans are taking practice with systematically. They are from Man U, Arsenal, Chelsea, Liverpool and Yadanabon fans clubs. Students from Mandalay GTI, Pale Ngweyaung Fire Brigade Band and MVP members join the practices. They take exercises of singing National Anthem, Asia Myanmar, and other songs. The training session runs from 8 am to 10 am on Sunday, 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm on Wednesday. We invite all to join the practice for Myanmar Women’s Team,” said Ko Kyaw Zin Tin. Interested persons may dial 09-402704015 and 09-43145653.

Opium oil solid worth K 27 million seized

From: Ko Ko Yupa

Sky Net receiver donated to village library

KYAUKMYAUNG, 6 Nov—Sagaing Region Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Committee donated one set of Sky Net receiver to the library of Tebin Village in Kyaukmyaung Sub-Township of Shwebo District on 3 November.

On behalf of the committee, Sub-Township Administrator U Sithu made a speech and presented Sky Net receiver to Tebin Village Development Supportive Committee Chairman U Tin Maung Lin.

The village administrator spoke words of thanks. The ceremony was attended by officials of the sub-township and town’s elders.

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Opium solid, oil stimulant tablets seized in Phakant

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—Members of No 2 Anti-Narcotic Squad (Myitkyina) together with witnesses, acting on a tip-off, raided the house of Min Tun, 40 in Bwambaragon Ward of Seikmu Village-tract in Phakant Township at 3.45 pm on 2 November.

They found four grams of opium oil solid from the cigarette case on the shelf worth K 20000 and 174 stimulant tablets with 88 and 1 brands worth K 879,000 from a small basket in the bedroom.

Phakant Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Min Tun under Sections 15/19(a) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Ko Ko Yupa

Opium oil solid worth K 27 million seized

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—Near Asia World Toll Gate at the entrance to Muse at 11 am on 2 November, members of No 10 Anti-Drug Squad (Nay Pyi Taw) and No 22 Anti-Drug Squad (Muse), together with witnesses, acting on a tip-off, searched a motorcycle driven by Shel Mee Ti, 21 of Kaungwein Village in Namauk Village-tract in Muse Township, and found 5.4 kilos of opium solid worth K 27 million from the tool box of the motorcycle.

According to the investigation, he brought the drugs from Lawk Kyein, 40 of Namon Village in Namhaitka Village-tract of Kutka Township with transport charge of K 300,000. Muse Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Shel Mee Ti and Lauk Kyein under Sections 15/19(a)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. The police station tries to rest Lauk Kyein.

Ko Ko Yupa
Cities of human beings

The winter has made its smooth landing with fresh seasonal wind whirling around and wedding reception invitation cards flocking here and there. It clears the dark clouds over the sky but still covers it with the transparent veil of fog. The late-sleeping urbanites find the winter morning so nice that they could not manage to wake up on alarm. Only a few fitness-minded urbanites sleep early at night and wake up early to do their warm-ups for a day. But sleeping early and waking up early is a mere dream that hardly becomes a reality. Though there is still another reason to remain laid in the bed in the early morning for the city dwellers.

Being vibrant economic centres, cities are being crowded more and more by migrating population. Only a few spaces are reserved for public recreation as the demand for the land is as high as it could be. Is recreation only for those who live near Inya lake or Mandalay moat?

In designing cities, we are still hardly coping with the challenge to accommodate the ever more increasing population in ease. Housings, apartments, condominiums and residences seem more important than parks, gardens and other recreation spaces.

In regenerating a city, we place our emphasis on accommodating the people as many as possible, placing enterprises as many as possible and shortening commute routes as short as possible. We used to design a place of dwellers, not human beings. We need rest and recreations as well, even for increase productivity.
Farmland management committees...
(from page 16)
Due to submission of U Thaung Han of Yammbin Constituency, one more year registration period was extended till March 2014. But, most of the tasks have not been completed yet. So, I think it needs to extend more registration period.”
U Aung Zin of Paungdaung Constituency submitted a proposal urging the Union government to form a committee to be able to contribute to development of agro-meteorology and agriculture sector of the nation.
Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than requested the Hluttaw to put the proposal on record, and the Hluttaw approved it. U Khang Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency seconded the proposal.
The questioner said that the agro-meteorology department needs to give advice on cultivation of crops depending on weather and the Union level authorities should take responsibility for management of climate change.

President U Thein Sein assists in helping flood victims in Toungoo District

President U Thein Sein being welcomed by officials in Ketumati Myothit of Toungoo on his inspection tour.—MNA

Coord meeting on Restoring Rule of Law in Myanmar held

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann addresses meeting on Restoring Rule of Law in Myanmar professional training and education for legal practitioners.—MNA

Union FM receives Director, Political Advisor of US

NAY PYI TAW, 6 NOV—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received Director Mr. Frederick Rawski and Political Advisor Ms. Sarah Levitt, the Carter Center of the United States at his office here today.
At the meeting, they discussed matters relating to Myanmar’s democratization process and cooperation between Myanmar and the Carter-Center.
Also present at the call were the Director-General of Political Department and responsible officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
Hire of fancy bullock cart marketable at novitiation season

Local News

SAGAING, 6 Nov—After the fullmoon day of Thadingyut, wedding reception as well as novitiation and ordination are held in the community.

Thus, hire of fancy bullock carts is on high demand.

At the novitiation ceremony, the novice-to-be take horse when the girls to be decorated with earplugs ride the fancy bullock carts or motor cars.

In tradition, the donation ceremonies use fancy bullock carts. That is why, the hire of fancy bullock carts is booming. Depending on the donations, it needs to hire three to 10 fancy bullock carts for the girls to be decorated with new earplugs.

In tradition, fancy bullock carts are to carry the girls to be decorated with new earplugs together with one woman who must give shelter to the girl with a Pathein umbrella.

Foreigner tourists prefer to observe and take photos on procession of the bullock carts carrying girls or novice-to-be in tradition.

Each fancy bullock cart may be hired at K35000 per cart. Some people make donations at monasteries and do not perform procession. But they use bullock cart in taking video or photo. So, we charge K25000 per video camera. Most of the donors hire fancy bullock cart as essential ceremonial decorations. Hence, the hire of fancy bullock carts are marketable.

It is estimated that value of each fancy bullock cart may be worth K500,000 depending on decorations with sculptures and handicrafts, embroidery works, sequent fancy works and pom-pom works.

Teachership diploma conferred on magway, 6 Nov—Teachership diploma conferred on 121 trainees of Magway Education College. The Chief Minister conferring ceremony at Magway Education College.

AWOS installed in Kawthoung

KAWTHOUNG, 6 Nov—AWOS installed in Kawthoung. Department of Meteorology and Hydrology installed Automatic Weather Observation System at the Kawthoung station on 4 November. They tested the machine and handed over it to Office U Thaung Nyunt of Kawthoung Station.

Before installation, Kawthoung Station took observation through manual system. The new machine can survey rainfall, temperature, wind speed, atmosphere temperature, humidity, wind direction in time.

AWOS machines have been installed in Nay Pyi Taw, Heho, Mandalay, NyaungU, Pyay, Mingu-ladon and Mawlamyine.

The Chief Minister corously greeted the trainees and parents. Next, diploma certificates were conferred on 121 trainees.

Three three-storey buildings under construction at Magway University

MAGWAY, 6 Nov—A High Tech Construction Company is taking responsibility for construction of three three-storey reinforced concrete building at Magway University in Magway of Magway Region, the construction has been completed by 78 per cent. The buildings are 192 feet long and 38 feet wide each. Each storey comprises six lecture halls. Three buildings will have 54 lecture halls. Construction started on 6 August 2013. Now, gymnasium and science hall are under construction.

Culture

A girl to be decorated with new earplugs being carried by fancy bullock cart in procession of novitiation ceremony in tradition.

UMFCCI Vice-President Dr Myo Thet extends greetings.

Kyangon, 6 Nov—The UMFCCI Vice-President Dr Myo Thet extends greetings.

AWOS installed in Kawthoung

Kawthoung, 6 Nov—Under the arrangements of Meteorology and Hydrology Department of Nay Pyi Taw Head Office, Staff Officer U Hlay Lwin, Engineer U Than Htai Soe and party installed Automatic Weather Observation System at the Kawthoung station on 4 November.

They tested the machine and handed over documents related to Staff Officer U Thaung Nyunt of Kawthoung Station.

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The Chief Minister congratulated the trainees and parents.

Officers install Automatic Weather Observation System at the Kawthoung station.
5,000 police to be deployed at top Commonwealth summit in Sri Lanka

Colombo, 6 Nov — Over 5,000 police will be deployed in Sri Lanka’s capital Colombo for a top Commonwealth Summit to be held later this month, an official said here on Tuesday.

As feverish preparations are made for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Colombo the police have put together new traffic plans to ensure security for the 53 Heads of State and Prince Charles who will be arriving to attend the summit.

Sri Lanka is hosting the most important meeting for the Commonwealth for the first time.

Over 30 schools will also be closed during the summit, which kicks off on 10 November.

Cambodian ruling, opposition resume talks over political row

Phnom Penh, 6 Nov — Cambodian ruling and opposition party officials on Tuesday resumed talks over the political dispute after the July’s election but produced no fruitful results.

The three-hour meeting was made between the ruling Cambodian People’s Party (CPP)’s working group led by Prum Sokha, secretary of state at the Interior Ministry, and the opposition Cambodian National Rescue Party (CNRP)’s working group headed by lawmaker-elect Son Chhay.

Speaking at a joint news briefing after the meeting, CNRP’s spokesman Yim Sovann said the CNRP proposed a request for probe into alleged poll irregularities and demanded the resignation of the National Election Committee’s leadership in order to pave the way for a credibly electoral reform. “If there is no appropriate solution to the requests, the CNRP will continue to boycott parliament,” he said.

Prum Sokha said since the top leaders of the two parties on 16 September agreed to the electoral reform, the CPP talked only about the electoral reform in the future. “Both sides will bring the meeting’s outcome to our respective leaders for consideration and we will meet again sometimes this weekend,” he said.

The country held a general election on 28 July. The results showed that the long-serving Prime Minister Hun Sen’s CPP won the victory. But the long-time opposition leader Sam Rainsy has said the elections were unfair.

The CNRP has alleged the results are “illegitimate” because it was formed in a violation of the constitution and his party will continue to boycott parliament unless the poll irregularities are resolved.

Two telecom technicians kidnapped in S Philippines

ZAMBOANGA City, (Philippines), 6 Nov — Gunmen abducted two telecommunications technicians on Tuesday afternoon in a Patikul town in southern Philippines province of Sulu, a security official said on Wednesday.

The latest victims of the abduction were identified as Narsi Abubakar, a 40-year-old resident of Jolo island, and Dennis Aloha, a 30-year-old resident of Zamboanga City. Both are technicians of Globe and Q-Tel companies, said Sulu provincial police director Abraham Orbito.

Based on initial police investigation, the victims were on their way to Jolo town on a motorcycle driven by Aquino Hajdula when they were flagged down by 10 unidentified gunmen at 3:55 pm.

Government troops rushed to the said site but failed to find the victims and the suspects.

CHOGM will be held later this month, an official said.

5-magnitude quake hits bordering area of China, India

Beijing, 6 Nov — A 5-magnitude quake jolted the bordering area between China and India at 12:16 am Wednesday Beijing Time, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre.

The epicentre, with a depth of 40 kilometres, was determined to be at 26.5 degrees north latitude and 93.6 degrees east longitude, the centre said.

Coupon rate for new 10-year Japan govt’ bonds cut to 0.6%

Tokyo, 6 Nov — The Finance Ministry said on Wednesday it lowered the coupon rate for new 10-year Japanese government bonds to 0.6 percent, reflecting the recent downward trend of long-term interest rates in the country.

In an auction, the No 331 issue of benchmark long-term bonds drew 8,037.2 billion yen in bids, of which the ministry accepted 2,176.9 billion yen. The debt will be issued on Friday and will mature on 20 Sept, 2023.

The coupon rate is the interest rate stated on bonds at their issuance. Interest rates move inversely to bond prices. Demand for the Japanese government debt has been firm as the Bank of Japan has pledged to buy a huge number of government bonds every month, aiming to keep longer-term interest rates low to stimulate business and investment activities.

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**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.

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-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, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ph: +95 67-411097/411206

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**Invitation to Open Tender for Tender 2013-B-OVS**

1. Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications(MPT), Ministry of Communications and Information Technology invite open tender for DWDM Backbone, Optical Fiber Network, IGW softswitch expansion and service quarter buildings that are described in the below table. MPT will pay in Kyats and foreign currency for concerning item.

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2. Bidder should submit the open tender (Technical and requirement Proposal) on November 29, 2013 during 09:30 to 16:30 at Head Office Building of Overseas Department, Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, Near 8 mile junction, KaTheAye Pagoda Road, Yangon, Myanmar and MPT will deny the tender that is submitted over the assigned period as above. Tender documents are available from Head Office Building of Overseas Department and detail can be asked to telephone number +95 1 6501 18 and +95 9 45000142 during office hours.

3. Bidder should submit the price proposal when we call you the day of price bargaining.

Tender Evaluation & Selection Committee

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**French and Malian forces hunt journalists’ killers**

*Paris/Bamako, 6 Nov — The coffins of two French journalists killed in Mali last week were loaded onto a Paris-bound aircraft in the capital Bamako on Monday as French and Malian troops hunted for their killers. Reporter Claude Verlon, 51, and Malian journalist Malick Sidibé, 58, were found dead in the täglich of Mali.

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV KULNATEE VOY NO ( )**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KULNATEE VOY NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7.11.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(1) 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**

**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: M/S KULNATEE SHIPPING CO LTD.**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV NOBLE BREEZE VOY NO (027)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV NOBLE BREEZE VOY NO (027) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7.11.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**

**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: M/S INTERASIA LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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**7 militants killed in Afghan police raids within day**

*Karubi, 6 Nov — Seven militants were killed in Afghan police cleanup operations since early Tuesday, the country’s Interior Ministry said Wednesday.

“Afghan National Police (ANP) conducted several joint clearance operations with the cooperation of Afghan National Army, Afghan intelligence agency and Coalition Forces in Kundahar, Wardak and Paktika provinces. As a result, seven armed Taliban were killed and 21 others were arrested,” the ministry said in statement providing daily operational updates. The ANP also seized weapons and ammunition during the above raids, it said. “During the same 24 hour period, ANP discovered and defused 10 different types of mines placed by enemies of Afghanistan for destructive activities in Laghman, Uruzgan and Paktika provinces,” it noted.—Reuters
Keira Knightley: Marriage is liberating

LOS ANGELES, 6 Nov — Actress Keira Knightley admits she loves being married as she found singledom exhausting.

The Anna Karenina star wed Klaxons musician James Righton earlier this year and says she finds marriage liberating, reported Hello Magazine.

The 28-year-old also revealed that she finds her love life, whether a heartbreak or joy, as inspiration for her acting work.

“It depends, but you can get some great stuff out of break-ups and grief. Then you can get some great stuff out of the other side, too. I don’t think one is better than the other. I don’t think you can forget heartbreak or any of the negative stuff. When you have experienced it, you can always use it,” she said.

Knightley stars alongside Maroon 5 singer Adam Levine in new musical drama Can A Song Save Your Life? — PTI

Magic of Reshma’s voice will live on, tweet Indian singers

MUMBAI, 6 Nov — Names like Amjad Ali Khan and Kavita Krishnamoorthy from the Indian music industry will remember renowned Pakistani folk singer Reshma as a voice with magical powers.

Reshma, credited with songs like Dama Dam Mast Kalandar and Hai O Rabba nahi lagda dil meri, breathed her last in Lahore on Sunday morning.

Here’s what the celebrities had to say:

Amjad Ali Khan: “May her soul rest in peace. Reshma ne duniya ko pyaar aur mohabbat ka sandesh diya (Her songs gave the world a message of love and peace).”

Kavita Krishnamoorthy: She was such a truly great singer. Really sad to hear of her death. Composers’ and fellow artists’ voice and songs are immortal. RIP (rest in peace), dearest Reshmaji.

Sunidhi Chauhan: The magic of Reshma’s voice will live forever.

“Lamb ji kadija”, it feels we are listening to a song at a shrine. It gives immense peace. She had an innocent and pure voice. She was the perfect Sufi folk singer.

Sunidhi Chauhan: She was someone I really looked up to and was very inspired by. Sad that she is gone. Alka Yagnik: Heart-breaking news. She was one of my favourite singers. Needless to say her soulful voice and songs are imortal. RIP (rest in peace), dearest Reshmaji.

Alisha Chinai: Is she really gone? Her soulful haunting voice will live forever. — PTI

Michelle Pfeiffer regrets turning down roles

LONDON, 6 Nov — Actress Michelle Pfeiffer regrets turning down roles in iconic films such as Silence Of The Lambs and Pretty Woman.

The 55-year-old actress had been offered the chance to play Clarence Starling in Oscar-winning horror Silence Of The Lambs, which stars Anthony Hopkins as a cannibalistic serial killer, but she snubbed the role and it was later given to Jodie Frost, reported Contactmusic.

Looking back, Pfeiffer thinks it was a shame that she hasn’t had another opportunity to work with the film’s director, as she explained, “I haven’t been able to work with Jonathan Demme since Married to The Mob.”

The actress also turned down roles in Basic Instinct starring Uma Thurman, and Pretty Woman which earned Julia Roberts a nomination as Best Actress at the Oscars for her performance as a prostitute in the romantic comedy.

“I don’t have an innate commercial sense, I’m always wrong,” she said. — PTI

Blake Lively says that she has an active lifestyle

LOS ANGELES, 6 Nov — Gossip Girl star Blake Lively says she does not follow any workout routine to maintain her figure. The 26-year-old actress revealed that she does not pursue any diet or physical training as she has an active lifestyle, reported People magazine.

“I’m lucky to have an active lifestyle. I’m always on the go. I don’t need to have a trainer or pay attention to what I eat. I can’t start my day without a cup of hot milk chocolate or finish without crunching a few dark chocolate squares. It’s good for my morale,” she said.

Lively is the new face of L’Oreal Paris. — PTI

Victoria Beckham has been replaced by Kate Moss as Vogue’s Contributing Fashion Editor.

LOS ANGELES, 6 Nov — Singer-turned-fashion designer Victoria Beckham is reportedly disappointed after losing the opportunity to become Contributing Fashion Editor at Vogue to her front runner for the role, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

“Vic has always had a good relationship with Alexandra Shulman, Vogue’s editor, and expressed an interest in working for them two years ago during a work lunch in London,” a source revealed to Heat magazine.

“It has always been Victoria’s dream to work for a fashion magazine, so when this came up and they approached her about it a few months ago, she was beside herself with excitement,” the source added.

It is also said that Beckham, 39, believed she was a front runner for the role and even told a few people in her close circle about the exciting opportunity. — PTI
Djokovic douses Federer’s fire, Nadal crushes Ferrer

LONDON, 6 Nov — Roger Federer showed flashes of his best but Novak Djokovic exposed the Swiss maestro’s fading powers with a three-set victory at the ATP World Tour Finals on Tuesday. World number two Djokovic, at 26 six years Federer’s, briefly looked in trouble midway through an absorbing Group B opener but eventually surged to a 6-4, 6-7(2), 6-2 win in front of another sell-out crowd at the O2 Arena. Djokovic’s win, his 18th in a row since losing to Rafa Nadal in the US Open final, was his second in four days over Federer and kept alive his slender hopes of toppling the Spaniard from the top of the world rankings.

In the day’s Group A match, Nadal crushed compatriot David Ferrer 6-3, 6-2 and will seal the year-end No. 1 ranking for the third time in his stellar career if he beats Swiss Stanislas Wawrinka on Wednesday.

Three days after losing to Ferrer in the Paris Masters semi-finals, Nadal resumed his customary dominance over his compatriot with a victory that will not live long in the memory. “I played with a little bit more calm than the other day,” Nadal, who is trying to win the only major prize he has won twice in his career, said after his first match at the venue since 2011 after he missed last year through injury. “Last year was a big miss for me. Even if I was not able to play my best a lot of times here, I really have great feelings every time I have the chance to play in this stadium.”

Nadal was gifted half the points he won in unforced errors by the unusually profligate Ferrer, who admitted it had been a “bad day”. Djokovic, on the other hand, was made to work hard against old adversary Federer. With the pre-match music blasting around the steep stands and the players emerging on to a darkened court accompanied by smoke and lights the stage seemed set for some fireworks on the day Britain marks Guy Fawkes night.

However, the 31st clash between the two never quite reached a crescendo as Federer showed he is struggling to maintain the intensity needed to get the better of the top guns in world tennis.

With the majority of the 17,000 crowd, many dressed in Swiss red and wearing Federer-branded clothing, roaring on the 32-year-old he battled back from the disappointment of dropping serve in the 10th game to lose the first, levelling the match with a sublime tiebreak which he won 7-2. After spluttering into life, however, Federer lost his spark in the deciding set as Djokovic repeated his victory over the Swiss in Paris at the weekend.

Masters champion Scott targets major ‘slam’

MELBOURNE, 6 Nov — Australia’s Adam Scott has set a goal of winning a career grand slam of golf’s four major titles and says his breakthrough US Masters win is yet to pay full dividend to his game.

“I’d love to win the career grand slam and put myself in that really small group of players who have won all four majors,” the 33-year-old first-time participant at Australia’s Gold Coast on Wednesday, his first trip to his homeland since his Augusta triumph.

“I think that would be a good goal but that’s a long way off for the moment. I’ve only got one, so there’s a lot of work to do.”

Only South African Gary Player and Americans Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Ben Hogan and Gene Sarazen have achieved the feat since the Masters was founded in 1934.

Having enjoyed the best year of his career with two PGA Tour titles, few would dispute the world number two has the game to win more majors.

Scott infuriously blew a four-stroke lead in the last four holes of the 2012 British Open to finish runner-up. The US Open is the only major tournament not to yield a top-10 finish for the Australian.

In the meantime, Scott has turned his attention to the far more achievable goal of clinching a career grand slam in the three marquee events of Australia’s golfing summer.

Van Persie out of luck as United held in Spain

MANCHESTER, 6 Nov — Robin van Persie twice hit the post as Manchester United missed a chance to all-but seal their place in the Champions League last 16 when they were held to a 0-0 draw at La Liga side Real Sociedad in Group A on Tuesday.

The Netherlands forward almost scored moments after replacing Wayne Rooney just after the hour at Sociedad’s Anoeta stadium in San Sebastian when his far-post shot cannoned away off the right-hand upright.

United were awarded a penalty for what looked like a blatant Ashley Young dive in the 69th minute but Van Persie’s powerful strike hit the same post and bounced away to safety.

Sociedad came closest to scoring when a Xabi Prieto effort was deflected just over the bar by Carlos Vela 15 minutes from time before United midfielder Marouane Fellaini was sent off in the 90th minute after picking up a second yellow card.

“We should have won, we had enough chances,” United manager David Moyes said on UEFA.com.

“We controlled the game and were the team on top for the majority,” added the Scotsman.

Winners Bayern and hopefuls Man City into last 16

LONDON, 6 Nov — European champions Bayern Munich led the charge into the last 16 of the Champions League when they beat Viktoria Plzen 1-0 to clinch second place in Group A behind Bayern, also made it to the knock-out stage for the first time with a 5-2 home win over CSKA Moscow, Paris St Germain and Real Madrid, who could have qualified with wins, must wait a little longer after PSG were held to a 1-1 draw at home by Anderlecht and Real drew 2-2 at Juventus.

But there was no stopping Bayern who equaled Barcelona’s record of nine straight wins set in 2002/03 thanks to Mario Mandzukic’s header at Plzen midway through the second half.

Despite sealing qualification for the next phase, Bayern midfielder Thomas Mueller said: “We did not exactly cover ourselves in glory tonight, but the win is all that matters. We will probably not be celebrating with a bottle of champagne in the dressing room.”

The victory took their tally to a perfect 12 points from four matches, three clear of City who made it three wins out of four with Alvaro Negredo scoring a hat-trick and Sergio Aguero two goals in their romp over the Russians.

Champions Bayern and hopefuls Man City into last 16
Schools to be shuttered for air pollution

BEIJING, 6 Nov — China may adopt a flexible working hours system and suspend school classes in case of the highest air pollution warnings, a government circular said on Wednesday.

The circular was issued by the Ministry of Environmental Protection as China has been under growing pressure to curb air pollution, with heavy smog frequently smothering large cities.

It also urged every possible compulsory measure to reduce emissions when the highest warning of air pollution is issued. The measures include suspension or limiting of enterprises’ production, restriction of vehicles on the road, dust controls and a ban on outdoor barbecue.

Large-scale outdoor activities should be stopped. Middle and primary schools as well as kindergartens should suspend classes. Enterprises and institutions should adopt flexible working hours, according to the circular sent to local environmental protection departments.

The smog has caused a severe impact on public health, especially when coal-fired heating in winter results in large emissions of pollutants, according to the circular.

It called for the setting of strict controls on coal-fired pollution while guaranteeing the use of natural gas. The circular also urged strengthened management of pollution caused by industries and motor vehicles.

Rain, snow to hit north China

BEIJING, 6 Nov — A cold front will bring rain and snow to parts of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and northeast China, with temperatures to drop by 4 to 6 degrees Celsius over the next three days, the National Meteorological Center (NMC) forecast on Wednesday.

The NMC said that temperatures will drop by 8 to 10 degrees Celsius at most in the central and eastern part of Inner Mongolia, the northern areas of north China and northeast China on Wednesday and Thursday.

The observatory added that rain and snow will sweep parts of northeast China, Qansu Province, as well as parts of Xinjiang, Inner Mongolia and Tibet autonomous regions from Friday morning to Saturday morning.

At the same time, moderate to heavy rain will hit the Sichuan Basin, parts of north and northwest China, areas along the Yellow and Huaihe rivers, regions along the Yangtze and Huahe rivers, as well as parts of Liao and Huan and Taipe.

Ibrahimovic salvages draw for PSG against Anderlecht

PARIS, 6 Nov — Zlatan Ibrahimovic salvaged a 1-1 home draw for Paris St Germain against Anderlecht as the French champions were made to wait for a Champions League last-16 spot on Tuesday. Demy De Zeeuw opened the scoring for the Belgians in the 68th minute, only for Ibrahimovic to equalise two minutes later from inside the area.

Anderlecht were reduced to 10 men in the 82nd minute when Sacha Kljestan was shown a second yellow card, but the visitors, who lost 5-0 at home to PSG two weeks ago, held firm. The French side led Group C with 10 points from four games, three ahead of Olympiacos who beat Benfica 1-0. Benfica have four points and Anderlecht are bottom with one point.

“I would not say we lacked the desire to play,” PSG coach Laurent Blanc told a news conference.

“We were too average in all departments, we were not good technically, which had not happened to us in a long time. Anderlecht were rewards for their efforts. They are good, well-organised team. “We faced a team looking to avoid defeat and we did not do what we had to do,” said PSG midfielder Blaise Matuidi.

“We would have liked to qualify tonight but I think we will do it next time.” PSG next face Olympiacos at home in three weeks and Anderlecht host Benfica. “The first leg helped us grow and tonight we can be satisfied that we did not take all three points,” said Anderlecht defender Fabrice N Sakala.

“It is not PSG who were different, it is us who defended better,” said coach John van den Brom. Two weeks after their Brussels stroll, PSG did not have it all their way at the Parc des Princes. Despite their early domination, PSG failed to break the deadlock — a first for Lucas, who was in the starting line-up after Edinson Cavani was ruled out injured, lacked accuracy.

Ibrahimovic came close 10 minutes into the second half with a downward header shortly before Lucas volleyed just wide from the Swede’s cross.

Anderlecht went ahead against the run of play when De Zeeuw slotted the ball past Salvatore Sirigu after connecting with Kljestan’s back pass. — Reuters

Photo taken on 5 Nov, 2013 shows the new campus of the University of Macao (UM) on Hengqin Island, south China’s Guangdong Province. Covering an area of 945,000 square meters, the Hengqin campus is inaugurated on Tuesday.—XINHUA

PARIS St-Germain’s Zlatan Ibrahimovic reacts during their Champions League soccer match against Anderlecht at the Parc des Princes Stadium in Paris on 5 Nov, 2013.—REUTERS

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Farmland management committees to carry out issuance of farming rights certificates

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—With regard to the question on extension of period to register farmlands raised by U Tin Htay Aung of Yezaygo Constituency at today’s Pyithu Hluttaw session, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than replied that registration for farmlands will be carried out across the nation in 2013-2014 fiscal year. Region and state Farmland management committees issue farming rights certificates to the farmers as quickly as possible and they will carry out cent per cent completion of issuance of certificates.

Questioner U Tin Htay Aung said, “In my constituency, registration of farmlands has been completed by 13.41 percent only. (See page 9)

Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, husband visit Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 6 Nov—The visiting Australian delegation led by Mrs Quentin Bryce, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and her husband visited Yangon Children’s Hospital on Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road, here, today.

Medical Superintendent Dr Than Hike and specialists conducted them round the emergency department, out-patient department, child ward unit and medical ward No. 2 of the hospital.

On her visit, the Governor-General said that they arrived there to comfort warded patients and their families.

Then, she met with Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe at the meeting hall of Yangon Region Government Office.

At 2:35 pm, the Australian delegation also visited Yangon Heritage Trust on Pansodan Street, where they were briefed on preservation of the historic buildings in downtown Yangon.

After that, they viewed the art gallery on Pansodan Street, where Mrs Michael Bryce signed the visitors’ book.

Later, the Australian delegation visited Shwedagon Pagoda in the evening.—MNA

By CL Htan Ngar

Construction Ministry to assist in survey, design for Bago River crossing bridge

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—Ministry of Construction would assist in carrying out survey and drawing design for a bridge across the Bago River near Thabyu Village when departments concerned constructed the bridge.

In his answer to the question raised by U Swe Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No 12 to construct a bridge linking Yangon and Bago regions at Amyotha Hluttaw today, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint also said that Bago Region Development Affairs Department and Rural Regions Development Department has no plan to construct the bridge, and Yangon Region (See page 9)

Myanmar boxers to be undergone joint training in Kyrzakhstan

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—Myanmar boxing team which is making comprehensive preparations for the coming SEA Games will take joint training in Kyrzakhstan as final preparations from 5 to 27 November. Myanmar boxing team, led by manager U Tin Maung Pe, coaches U Soe Soe and U Kyaw Swa Aung comprises boxers Lin Huit Paing, Maung Nge, Wai Phyo Tun, Pyae Phyo Hein, Kyaw Kyaw Htet, Ye Naing, Wai Lin Aung, Aung Ko Ko, Hnin Moh Moh Naing, Nan Thei Htar San, Nelly, Nweni Oo, Mary and Kyu Kyu Hlaing.

Myanmar boxers are now under comprehensive training. The trip to Kyrzakhstan for the joint training in November is the second of its kind. It was reported that they will hold the tune-up matches with Kyrzakhstan boxers during the joint training period.

MMAL-Po Thaw Zin; Photo: Soe Nyunt

Golden Myanmar to make its first landing on Imphal on 21 Nov

Indian government is working hard to expand Imphal Airport, making preparations for the first landing of Mandalay-Imphal new chartered flight on 21 November ahead of the Manipur Sangai Festival scheduled next month.

According to the Sangai Express, a ceremony to launch Imphal-Mandalay air route would be held at the Tulihal (Imphal) Airport in Manipur, India, during the Manipur Sangai Festival which will take place from 21 to 30 November.

After the Festival, Golden Myanmar will operate regular flights to Imphal with A-230.

A return ticket costs USD 60 and the flight takes about 58 minutes for the 237-mile distance between Imphal and Mandalay.

The opening ceremony of the new air route will be held in the presence of high-ranking officials from Indian Government, regional chief ministers and ministers, merchants and artists from Myanmar, Zhejiang Vice-Governor from China, artists from Thailand and India.

The new air route operation between India and Myanmar is part of a bilateral air services agreement signed during Indian’s Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh’s visit to Myanmar last year.

Meanwhile, plans are under way to operate a bus service between Imphal and Mandalay.

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