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Byline: Thura (Toungoo)

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A woman weightlifter seen in intensive training.

Yangon, 11 Nov—Selected Myanmar weightlifters will secure at least one bronze medal in the 26th SEA Games held in Myanmar, according to the Myanmar Weightlifting Federation.

Although Myanmar weightlifting team has won only one bronze medal in 26th SEA Games held in Indonesia, the team hopes to bag more medals in this SEA Games due to provision of sufficient facility, he added.

The selected Myanmar weightlifters are now undergoing training at Institute of Sports and Physical Education in Yangon since December 2011.

After finalizing selection of athletes, altogether 14 athletes—eight men and six women—are undergoing camp training. Both men and women weightlifters will compete in nine categories depending on their weight.

U Kyaw Aung Soe continued.

Since training at camp, they were exercised by Burmese coach for six months. Now, they are under training of Chinese coach. They are provided not only technically but supplementary food and medicines. Only when a wrestler can be trained about four years, will they be eligible of competing in international level competitions.

I am satisfied with their performance, he explained.

It is learnt that Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines and Malaysia will take part in weightlifting event of 27th SEA Games and Myanmar Weightlifting Federation targets to win four gold medals.

Kyemon-Thihau Thu
Photo: Khin Maung Win

Selected Myanmar men’s golf team leaves for Thailand

Yangon, 11 Nov—Selected Myanmar men’s golf team left here by air today for Thailand to take part in 26th Asia Pacific Amateur Golf Team Championship Tournament held at Santiburi Golf Club in Thailand from 14 to 17 November.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by the officials from Myanmar Golf Federation and their relatives.

With a view to achieving success in golf event of 27th SEA Games, MGCF sent Myanmar golfers abroad to compete in international golf tournaments for getting experience.

Yangon, 11 Nov—Myanmar U-23 (B) team beat Ayeyawady United FC 1-0 at the friendly match at Thuwunna training grounds this morning. Myanmar U-23 (B) team was formed with the aim of supporting Myanmar U-23 team.

U-23 (B) team showed their brilliant performance at the friendly matches. Recently, the team defeated Myanmar team at friendly matches.

Aung Myint Tun scored the only goal for U-23 team at the first half of the match. Both teams used key players and Ayeyawady United tested some foreign players.

Myanmar U-23 team plans to play more friendly matches.

Kyemon-Sai Nyi Lay
Photo: Shwe Htet Zaw

R. Piyarelal League Cricket Tournament kicks off

Yangon, 11 Nov—With the aim of enhancing Myanmar cricket standard, R. Piyarelal League and Arston (Knock-out) cricket tournaments were annually held. Out of them, R. Piyarelal League Cricket Tournament was held at Shwepinlon Cricket grounds in Yangon yesterday evening, attended by Vice-President of Myanmar Cricket Federation U Maung Maung and the executives, guests and cricket fans.

UCC, AZWCC, MMPC, EOPCC, MICC and ACC teams will take part in 2013 R. Piyarelal League Cricket Tournament.

As opening match of the tournament, MICC won over ACC team.

Vice-President of MCF U Maung Maung presented Man of the Match Award to Nyecin Chan Soe from ACC team.

K 123.54 million worth of stimulant tablets seized in Laukkai

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 Nov—Acting on a tip-off, a combined team comprising members of Anti-Drug Squad (Nay Pyi Taw branch), No.21 Anti-Drug 

Squad (Kunglon), policemen from Laukkai Myoma Police Station and Tarshin Police Station together with the witnesses searched a suspected car at the junction of Laukkai-Konegyan-Tapar on 6 November.

They used in production of stimulant tablets worth K 123.54 million and a mould used in production of stimulant tablets were seized in front of the car while they searched a blue Dongfeng car driven by a Chinese man Yinpyin aged 28.

Laukkai Police Station has lodged a lawsuit against the driver.

Photo: Shwe Htet Zaw

MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 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 mentioning names of the witnesses.

A total of 38 applicants were interviewed by officials at the office of Rural Development Department on 25 October.

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WASHINGTON, 11 Nov — US Secretary of State John Kerry said on Monday Washington was not engaged in a race to complete talks with Iran on its nuclear programme and vowed to defend Washington’s regional allies against any threats.

Speaking at a news conference with United Arab Emirates (UAE) Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahayan in Abu Dhabi, Kerry also praised the Syrian opposition’s decision to participate in a proposed peace conference as “a big step forward”: “This is not a race to complete just any agreement,” Kerry said, adding: “Through diplomacy we have an absolute responsibility to pursue an agreement.”

Marathon talks between six major world powers - the United States, Russia, China, Britain, Germany and France - and Iran on Saturday ended without agreement and the sides arranged to meet again on 20 November. While saying that an agreement with Iran was expected within months, Kerry sought to reassure Washington’s Arab allies and Israel that his country would not abandon them. “We will stand up for and defend our allies in this region against any kind of external threat, so this is a strong strategic relationship and I look forward to continuing our important dialogue,” Kerry said. — Reuters

Indian’s Congress Party goes into election

NEW DELHI, 11 Nov — Trailing in opinion polls and stunned by the rise of opposition leader Narendra Modi, India’s ruling Congress party is limping into a clutch of state elections, underlining the struggle it may face to retain power when the nation votes next year.

Surveys last week showed that Modi’s Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) could win as many as four of the five states going to the polls over the coming month.

Opinion polls are notoriously unreliable in India, however. The Nehru-Gandhi dynasty’s Congress party could still cling to power in the capital, Delhi, and it may wrest control of the eastern state of Chhattisgarh from its rival.

The results of the state polls, due to be declared on 8 December, will largely hinge on local leaders and issues, but analysts say a strong showing for the BJP will boost the momentum for Modi in the run-up to the national election due by April.

“Congress is certainly very nervous because it has seen how the popular mood continues to be against it,” said Amulya Ganguli, a political commentator. Al- though Modi’s deeply polarizing figure, Modi’s star has brightened dramatically, in large part because many voters — particularly the growing ranks of young urban citizens — believe he could set India on a new path after nine years of corruption scandals and policy drift under Congress. — Reuters

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Supporters of the leftist main opposition Syriza party take part in an anti-government rally in front of the parliament in Athens on 10 Nov, 2013. — Reuters

Greek government survives confidence vote, kicks out one deputy

ATHENS, 11 Nov — Greece’s conservative-led coalition defeated, as expected, an opposition-sponsored motion to topple the government on Monday, but lost one lawmaker who was expelled after backing the opposition.

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The dismissals were part of a bailout-imposed plan to get rid of 4,000 state workers by the end of the year. — Xinhua

Abe urged to help Fukushima recover with public funds

TOKYO, 11 Nov — Japan’s ruling parties handed a proposal on Monday to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe calling on the government to play a bigger role in accelerating Fukushima’s recovery from one of the world’s worst nuclear crises, including the major policy shift of using public funds.

Given the proposal, the government is expected to spend taxpayers’ money to fund part of the clean-up of radiation-contaminated areas outside the stricken Fukushima Daiichi nuclear complex, which plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co otherwise would have had to shoulder.

To carry out the unprecedented task of scrapping reactors that suffered meltdowns, the proposal also touches on the need for the giant utility to have “a clearer organizational structure,” such as a new in-house company to take charge of decommissioning operations.

The recovery of areas affected by the nuclear accident has been sluggish compared with areas hit by the huge earthquake and tsunami in March 2011 but unaffected by the ensuing nuclear crisis. Following the massive radiation leaks, more than 140,000 people from Fukushima Prefecture are still living as evacuees and a research institution estimates the cost of decontaminating areas in the prefecture could reach more than $3 trillion yen. — Kyodo News

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International space crew returns Olympic torch to Earth

BAIKONUR, (Kazakhstan), 11 Nov — A Soyuz capsule carried an International Space Station crew of three back to Earth on Monday along with an Olympic torch that was displayed in open space as part of Russia’s preparations for the Sochi 2014 Winter Games.

The Soyuz returned Russian cosmonaut Fyodor Yurchikhin, US astronaut Karen Nyberg and Italian Luca Parmitano, a European Space Agency astronaut, to Earth along with the trio spent 166 days on the station, a $100 billion project of 15 nations. Cosmonauts Oleg Kotov and Sergei Ryazansky had taken an unlit silver-and-grey torch, inspired by the Firebird of Russian folklore, on a spacewalk on Saturday, the first time an Olympic torch has been in open space.

“The Olympic torch is home after a four-day journey,” an announcer on NASA TV said after what he called a flawless descent. “The torch took into space to be used to light the Olympic flame when the first Olympic held in Russia since the Soviet era began in February in the Black Sea resort city of Sochi.”

Satellite likely incinerated after re-entering Earth’s atmosphere

ORELANSO, (Florida), 11 Nov — A large science satellite that mapped Earth’s gravity likely re-entered the atmosphere where most of it incinerated on Sunday, about three weeks after running out of fuel and beginning to lose altitude, officials said.

Ground tracking stations’ last contact with Europe’s Gravity field and steady-state Ocean Circulation Explorer, or GOCE, was at 5:42 pm (2242 GMT) as it passed 75 miles above Antarctica, Heiner Klinkrad, head of the European Space Agency’s space debris office, wrote in a status report posted on the European Space Agency’s website.

The official designation of space is the Karman line, 62 miles above Earth. About 25 percent of the car-sized satellite was expected to have survived re-entry, with debris most likely falling into the ocean, European Space Agency officials said.

By the time you read this, the spacecraft’s amazing flight will, most likely, have come to an end, space agency spokesman Daniel Scuka wrote in an update posted around 6:45 pm. There was no immediate word on where and when any debris may have landed.

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The satellite ran out of fuel on 21 October and had been steadily losing altitude since, tugged by Earth’s gravity. The 1.2-ton (1,100-kg) GOCE satellite is small in comparison to other spacecraft that recently crashed back into the atmosphere. In January 2012, Russia’s failed 14-ton (12,700-kg) Phobos-Grunt Mars probe returned. In 2011, NASA’s 6.5-ton (5,900-kg) Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite and Germany’s 2.4-ton (2,177-kg) X-ray ROSAT telescope re-entered the atmosphere.

Facebook director Andreessen’s firm sells a third of its shares

NEW YORK, 11 Nov — Facebook Inc director Marc Andreessen’s venture-capital firm sold a third of its stake in the world’s No 1 online social network, according to a recent regulatory filing.

Andreessen Horowitz sold 2.28 million shares on 6 November at about $49 to $50 a share, according to a filing with the US Securities and Exchange Commission on Friday. It still holds 4.57 million shares in Facebook. Andreessen Horowitz spokeswoman Margit Wennmacher said on Sunday that the firm’s investment thesis was successful. Still, she said they are big believers in Facebook, which is why they are holding on to a big portion of their shares.

Facebook shares closed at $47.53, down 3 cents on Friday.

Marc Andreessen helped start browser company Netscape, which was acquired by AOL Inc in 1999. Andreessen Horowitz has invested in some of the country’s hottest start-ups, including Facebook and online bulletin board Pinterest.

Twitter IPO sparks speculation on who could follow

NEW YORK, 11 Nov — For technology executives weighing market fluctuations for Silicon Valley startups, this week’s gangbusters Twitter Inc initial public offering sent a powerful signal: full speed ahead.

About a dozen private companies are valued at more than $1 billion, and many of them have already been holding informal talks with bankers. Now, many — including Box, Square and Airbnb — are likely to accelerate their IPO plans, according to venture capitalists.

File-sharing company Box picked Morgan Stanley, Credit Suisse and JP Morgan to lead its IPO,Reuters reported on Friday. The company has been valued at more than $1.2 billion by private venture capital investors, but it remains unclear whether it is profitable.

Twitter’s lack of profit proved to be no obstacle to the micro-blogging site raising as much as $2.1 billion in its IPO. Its current share price of around $41 gives it a market value north of $22 billion.

That opens the door for other big-name private companies including Square, the payments company founded by Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey, which has begun exploring the possibility of an IPO next year, according to the Wall Street Journal. Profits are not expected until 2015. Square declined to comment.

Airbnb, an accommodation service, is also often cited as a potential IPO candidate. “They don’t have inventory and have pretty low overhead,” said analyst Michael Pachter, who believes the company is profitable. The company declined to comment.
**Deutsche Telekom buys GTS Central Europe for 546 million euros**

**FRANKFURT, 11 Nov** Deutsche Telekom (DTEGn.DE) on Sunday said it had bought GTS Central Europe for 546 million euros ($729 million) in a deal which hands the German telecom operator a fiber optic fixed-line and infrastructure business in Eastern Europe.

GTS is a telecommunications service provider with network and data center infrastructure, focused on serving business customers. Deutsche Telekom said it is acquiring GTS from a consortium of international private equity firms, including Columbia Capital, Harbour-Vest Partners, Innova Capital and MC Partners. “We see Deutsche Telekom as the best partner for GTS and are excited about the benefits and opportunities this will create for our customers and employees,” said GTS CEO Danny Bottoms.

Deutsche Telekom said the Slovak assets will be retained by the current owners.

The remaining parts of GTS Europe which it is acquiring has revenues of 347 million euros and earnings before interest tax depreciation and amortization of 87 million euros in 2012. ($1 = 0.7491 euros) — Reuters

**‘Singles Day’ has shoppers ready to spend big**

**BEIJING, 11 Nov** — Chinese consumers will spend on average 1,800 yuan ($295) per person during Double Eves Shopping Festival, according to AdMaster, an independent third-party digital marketing data analysis and management solution provider.

The 11 November online shopping spree in the name of “Singles Day,” a celebration for those not paired off, has become China’s most popular annual commercial holiday and created an e-commerce miracle. — Xinhua

**Temasek, Hopu buy $213 million stake in Chinese dairy maker**

**HONG KONG, 11 Nov** — Singapore state investor Temasek Holdings TEM.U and China-focused private equity firm Hopu were among five investors buying a $213 million stake in Yashili International Holdings Ltd (1230.HK), after parent China Mengniu Dairy Co Ltd (2319.HK) sold down shares to meet Hong Kong listing requirements.

Temasek, through one of its Mauritius subsidiaries, Hopu and three individual investors agreed to buy 471.13 million shares of Yashili from Mengniu for HK$5.50 each, putting the total deal at HK$1.65 billion ($213 million), the dairy companies said in a securities filing on Monday.

Mengniu offered $1.6 billion in June for all of Yashili, but it received offers for 89.82 percent of Yashili’s stock. That fell just short of a 90 percent threshold that would have enabled Mengniu to make a “compulsory acquisition” of the remaining shares and delist Yashili from the exchange. After the bailout offer closed in early August, Mengniu had to sell down its stake in Yashili to ensure the still-listed company met Hong Kong’s public float requirements. Mengniu applied for a three-month waiver to comply with the minimum public float of 23.42 percent in its case. — Reuters

**France to borrow 4.5 billion euros by end-2013 to pay Credit Lyonnais debts**

**PARIS, 11 Nov** France will borrow 4.5 billion euros ($6.0 billion) by the end of the year to settle debts from the collapse of the Credit Lyonnais bank, French Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici said on Sunday.

The state has until the end of 2014 to settle the bank’s remaining debts, but decided to take action this year, a ministry official said. Moscovici said he would present a bill on Wednesday updating the 2013 budget that would include authorization for the new debt to be issued.

“We are excited about the benefits this will see Deutsche Telekom as a partner for GTS,” said GTS CEO Vincent Yan. AdMaster’s data shows that the promotion strategy of a brand at an early stage can affect consumers’ purchase decisions both directly and indirectly. “Our survey results indicate consumers in general accept the sales promotions for the festival,” Yan added.

The online survey showed Tmall has the highest level of interest by consumers, as it is the e-commerce platform that puts the greatest effort into sales promotion. The level of interest has increased by 13.1 percent compared to usual days. Taobao, JD and Suningyigou, another three e-commerce platforms also rank highly in terms of consumer interest. In contrast, the level of interest for Dangdang and Amazon were found to be lower than on other days, which correlates to the core product category (mainly books) of their business operations. The survey results show the products consumers most focus on and plan to purchase are apparel and accessories, mobile phones and digital products, and home electrical appliances.

“Brands should focus on sales volume as well as brand image while marketing their products during the festival,” said Wilson Chen, AdMaster’s vice-president. “The control of logistics, service and product quality during the festival are key to brand communication.”

In 2012, China’s e-commerce industry was worth 8.1 trillion yuan, with online shopping contributing 1.3 trillion yuan, according to the Ministry of Commerce. More than 2.2 million Chinese worked for the country’s rapidly expanding e-commerce industry as of June, People’s Daily reported.

According to the 2013 Global Private Equity Report by Grant Thornton, 64 percent of Chinese respondents are optimistic about investment opportunities in consumer-focused sectors. — Xinhua

**J&J pulled products from Amazon.com over third-party dispute**

**NEW YORK, 11 Nov** — Johnson & Johnson (JNJ.N) stopped selling some of its products through Amazon.com Inc (AMZN.O) because it felt the online retailer was not doing enough to stop third-party merchants from selling damaged or expired J&J merchandise, the Wall Street Journal reported on Sunday.

Citing people familiar with the matter, the newspaper said J&J has resumed selling some of the items on Amazon.com, but the disagreements have yet to be fully resolved. In July, Amazon’s CFO said business generated from third-party merchants accounted for about 40 percent of items sold in the second quarter. Amazon and J&J could not be immediately reached for comment. — Reuters
Public opinion to be sought for increasing electricity charges

YANGON, 11 NOV—Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe said in meeting with political parties at Re-habilitation Centre in Myan-mar Peace Centre today the ministry would seek public opinion for increasing electricity charges, the new rate would be submit-ted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the country is in need to supply electricity to 70 percent of population as only 30 percent of the entire people have access to electricity.

He acknowledged that the ministry began to charge 50 Kyats per unit if any meter reads more than 100 units and 35 Kyats per unit if it reads under 100 units as from 29 October. In some major cities in Rakhine State and Tanin-thayi Region, one unit of electricity costs more than 400 Kyats, he said. He also promised to supply elec-tricity to the areas by the National Power Grid.

“Our ministry would like to supply electricity to these areas where the peo-ple have to pay high prices for electricity,” the minister said. He said the increased electricity bill revenue would cover the costs of power plants in these areas.

Myanmar used 1420 Megawatts of electricity in 2010 and 2860 Megawatts in 2013 monsoon. The min-istry expected that the elec-tricity production will be 2370 Megawatts by 2014 summer.

The capacity of all power stations under the ministry is meager 1665 Megawatts. The ministry is racing to complete Up-per Paunglaung project, Nancho project, Pyu pro-ject and Bitluang project (3) Project in coming summer. The new projects will af-ford the ministry more 116 Megawatts of electricity. Yangon will need more 170 Megawatts to provide electricity 24/7 even when four power plants, power plants at 240 and 240-Megawatt Thai gas turbines are counted.

The government is buying electricity at the rate of 100 Kyats per unit and spending to the public at the rate of 35 Kyats per unit. The government has to spend K 185 billion for electricity from the state revenue.

“The public opinion would be sought ward by ward and house by house,” the minister said.

The ministry started charging 150 Kyats per unit for meters of small and medium enterprises whose meters read more than 500 units. The 9611 small and medium entrepreneurs count 0.359 percent of the subscribers.

The minister said the entrepreneurs have agreed the proposal but proposed the ministry to supply electricity at 24/7. The news crew inter-viewed those present at the meeting.

“Maung Maung (Secretary) Myanmar Labour Unions Federation

“There would be many difficulties in transition. That most did not still re-alize is the fact we would integrate into the ASEAN family in 2015 and have to see changes in mon-etary market. Surely we would then. So changes affect not a country, but in ASEAN as a whole. What the Electric Power Minis-ter presented is right from his side. But we have taken to street as it did not match with our income. We went it negotiated. I like the current system. We have such frank meeting. I like it. Those who do not af-ford must speak it out. In other countries, students and low-income people did so. They have told to the employers. It would affect everyone. I would like to say it would not be the only one we have to overcome. The do not think these would create riots. Because our neighbours had to in-crease the electricity charg-es. In Rakhine, one unit of electricity cost about 400 Kyats while we pay 35 Ky-ats in Yangon. The situation is like the current situation, in which people can express their dissatisfaction. I believe in the power of coordination. I am thankful that people are allowed to express their dissatisfaction. I am also grateful to the people who expressed their dissatisfac-tion as well as those who promised to make coordi-nation.”

The most important thing is that there is no power outage, otherwise both employees and em-ployers will be affected, for example, if there is no electricity outage during the harvest, it would be good for those engaged in rice milling industry.

It is understandable that there are changes in electricity fees in undertak-ing political reforms, trans-forming to a new system, and supplying power to the entire nation. We just can’t be the last one in joining ASEAN Community in 2015.

But as the minister has admitted earlier, he failed to inform the public about new electricity prices in advance. In fact, he should have notified the public of new electricity prices via media at least three months in advance. He should have explained in detail why the ministry has decided to ad-just the electricity prices. Though he did so, it was less known by people and thus it led to protests.

Daw Miint Miint Wai (Legal Advisor) All Mon Region Democracy Party

We do not agree elec-tricity prices hike, because for a long time, the minis-try has charged electricity maintenance fees from the people. People say “We keep the meter box at our home and why do we need to pay electricity main-tenance fees?” We have felt the same. We were glad that the electricity mainte-nance charge was reduced to K 500 recently, but now the electricity fees have increased from K 35 per unit to K 50 per unit now, which is far more than the maintenance charges. Each household will have to pay an additional amount of three to four thousand Ky-ats under the new charges.

The new electricity prices will also lead to a tri-city prices hikes. The new rate is just an increase from K 35 to K 50. In our Rakhine State, we need to pay between K 450 and K 500 per unit. I have asked the government to settle it and it is willing to address some parts of the problem. I went back to Rakhine re-cently and found that lamp posts were being erected there and electric cables being laid. The Electric Power minister promised that Rakhine State will be electrified from national grid in 2014. I am glad to hear that.

U Aung Than Miyint Democratic Party (Myanmar)

According to the Elec-tric Power Minister, elec-tricity prices will not be increased immediately, but door-to-door opinion surveys will be conducted in residential wards, and submit a report to the Hlut-taw based on public opin-ion. He said that further actions would be taken only after the debate at the Hlut-taw and promised that the ministry would not do high-handedly. I’m satis-fied with his plan.

Some persons from political organizations suggested that as Myanmar sells its natural resources, the government should spend a share of oil and gas revenues on providing electricity to the people. However, the government needs to spend these earn-ings on education, health and other sectors. Some, if the government can spend its earnings from trading with international countries, people can have access to electricity at reasonable price and it would also create a good government’s image toward the people. The electricity prices hikes also harm the poverty alleviation scheme put in place by the government.

The President has stressed the need for welfare pro-visions to the people. As soon as the government had increased the electricity prices, the private busi-nessmen starting from the very basic level of hawkers increased the prices of the commodities they sell. The government said it has increased only a small amount, the producers would increase the prices of their prod-ucts to offset the produc-tion cost but they suffer no loss. But, consumers or the people will see the differ-ences. The minister said that the ministry will make field survey and listen to the voices of people. It is good.

U Myo Nyunt Democracy and Peace Party

Not only the electricity prices hike but also increased commodity prices bring no good for the peo-ple, but just the more hard-ship. This is general view. We can see the electricity prices increase from two points of view—electric-ity supply for households and for industries. As re-gards increased electricity bills for industries, industries would say that the differences would let them just need to spend as equal amount as the regular outages in the past incurred them in the past on electricity. So, increas-ing electricity prices for industries would not pre-sent any change to them. However, people will suf-fer they would increase the prices of their products on the market due to electricity prices hikes. The minister explained that the ministry already had plan to dou-ble the electricity prices, but then it had increased electricity costs since it has in-creased nearly double be-cause it is necessary. The government mechanism in fact needs to depend on taxation to function. It is not logical to expect politi-cally so that it can get taxation from big tax evad-ers to cover the electricity production costs.

SECRETARY OF MYANMAR LABOUR UNIONS FEDERATION

U Maung Maung.

U Myo Nyunt from Democracy and Peace Party—MNA

U Aung Than Miyint from Democratic Party (Myanmar), MNA

Daw Miint Miint Wai (Legal Advisor) from All Mon Region Democracy Party. MNA
Offering Kathina robes to monasteries discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—A meeting to hold 42nd Pyinmana Township Kathina robe offering ceremony was held at the hall of Township Administrator Office on 5 November.

Nay Pyi Taw Council member Col Myint Aung Than, Chairman of Sasana Nuggaha Association U Aung Cho and U Myint Soe discussed offering of Kathina robes.

The offertories of Badethabin are to be sent to Mingala Byuha Sasana Beikman from 14 to 16 November. These offertories will be donated to 10 monasteries. In commemoration of the Kathina donation ceremony, the organizing committee will hold the Myanmar traditional Chinlone contest, martial arts, Sepak Takraw events and Andyent entertainment.

The meeting was attended by departmental officials of Pyinmana Township, responsible persons of religious organizations and town’s elders. Ko Gyi Kyaw

Promotion exam for police officers

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—Organized by Nay Pyi Taw Police Station, the one-step promotion exam was held at No 5 Basic Education High School (Nay Pyi Taw) on 9 November. Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Police Force Police Col Aung Aung supervised the examination as the chairman of the exam and Commander MMAL-Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho) took the writing examination.

Gold medals of SEA Games for Myanmar Taekwondo athletes

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—Soe Soe Myar swept the first gold medal for Myanmar Taekwondo team in the XXIV SEA Games held in Thailand. Although Myanmar team secured more gold medals in the SEA Games, it missed the chance to win gold medals in the 2011 SEA Games.

Thus, Myanmar Taekwondo Federation is making preparations with vigorous efforts for securing gold medals in the XXVII SEA Games.

After Soe Soe Myar who was reliable for demonstration and attack events of Taekwondo event had taken retirements from the coming 2011 SEA Games, the team is struggling for the achievement. At present, Myanmar team has enough preparations for the games.

Myanmar athletes were allowed to take part in the international Taekwondo championships so as to have experiences. In addition, the athletes have taken joint training in the Republic of Korea. Meanwhile, Myanmar players competed in the domestic championships of Korea.

In May, Myanmar team participated in the Pre-SEA Games Taekwondo Test Match.

Now, after assessing the qualification of Myanmar players, the Myanmar Taekwondo Team is preparations for taking part in the coming SEA Games.

MMAL-Nyi Myat Thawda: Photo: Soe Nyunt

Communal Kathina robe offering ceremony organized by Taninthayi Region Government

Dawei, 11 Nov—Taninthayi Region government held the third Kathina robe offering ceremony on 8 November.

The procession of Bonkahtein of Kathina robes and offertories started in front of the city hall in Dawei at 8:30 am. The procession went along Arzani Road, Bogyoke Road, Neikhan Road and Ya Road in downtown Dawei and stopped at Sasana Beikman building.

The offertories of 107 Bonkahtein were worth K22.2 million.—Kyemon-Dawei District IPRD

Press meet for media in Mandalay

Mandalay, 11 Nov—Mandalay Region Minister for Finance Dr Myint Kyu held a press meet at the hall of Mandalay Region Information and Public Relations Department on 86th Street between 21st and 22nd Streets in Aungmyethazan Township on 7 November.

On the occasion, Region Minister Dr Myint Kyu explained documentary photos of Myan Kanyakw Golden Palace to the use of chart. He explained significant and historic places around the Golden Palace and facts about the Palace.

Next, he continued explanations on taxation and functions of the ministry.

The Head of Region Internal Revenue Department and the director of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department reported on their respective sectors.

Head of Mandalay Region Information and Public Relations Department U Kyaw Than explained public service media tasks, opening of mini book corners, raising reading habit of the people and arrangements for all the people to have easy access to reading facilities.

Later, officials replied to queries raised by media personnel on renovation of Myan Kanyakw Golden palace, maintenance works and taxation for trading of real estates. MMAL-Khin Win

Accident

Two vehicles bump against each other at Thamaing Station overpass

Yangon, 11 Nov—Two vehicles headed on in collision at the down approach road of Thamaing Station overpass in Mayangon Township of Yangon West District on 6 November night.

The vehicle heading from east west along Thamaing Station Road and A Hilux of hotel ferry driving from the west to east bumped against each other. In the traffic accident, a woman from the hotel ferry was injured. Therefore, she was rushed to the emergency unit of Yangon General Hospital.

Two reckless drivers are undergoing interrogation at the departments concerned. MMAL-015

National Sports

Myanmar athlete competes in Pre-SEA Games Taekwondo Test Match in May.
Workshop held to set priorities for rural...

The plan for rural development of arid zone is the part of rural development and poverty alleviation scheme. It needs to take measures to supply adequate water to the regions in arid zone and find means and ways to utilize the water available without wasting and the workshop is intended to find out how technical and financial help can be sought from foreign countries in addition to locally available technologies and resources.

As Myanmar is blessed with natural resources, both rural and urban regions will see development if all the natural resources available can be made good use. The Union ministers and region chief ministers held a work coordination meeting on Central Dry Zone on 9-9-2013 and according to the resolution of the meeting, the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development will be assigned as the focal ministry to work for rural development of arid zone.

Next, Fund Director Mr Daniel Toole, Regional Director of United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) East Asia and Pacific Regional Office Bangkok, Thailand at the same venue at 4 pm on the same day. They had a cordial discussion on matters relating to the Outcomes of the Midterm Review of the Programme of cooperation between the Government of three regions, and the workshop is intended to discuss the draft plan in detail to sort out priorities and sketch out work plans.

Economic Advisor to the president Dr Sein Hla Bo presented his report on rural development in arid zone, U Thaung Htay from WFP on findings of food security and nourishment study in arid zone, the chief ministers of Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay regions on plans for rural development of arid zone.

Union Minister receives Regional Director of UNOCHA, Regional Director of UNICEF

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received Regional Director, Mr Mark Cutts, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) at his office, here, at 2 pm today.

Matters on relating to the cooperation between Myanmar and OCHA were discussed.

The Union Minister also received Mr Daniel Toole, Regional Director of United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) East Asia and Pacific Regional Office Bangkok, Thailand at the same venue at 4 pm on the same day.

Myanmar, UNICEF hold Mid-Term Review Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—The meeting on Mid-Term Review-MTR for Country Programme Action Plan-CPAP (2011-2015) took place at Thingaha Hotel here, this morning, with an address by Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw.

The Union Minister stated that the meeting was aimed at facilitating vulnerable children to be able to include in human society and narrowing gap between rural and urban.

Then, UNICEF Regional Director for East Asia and Pacific Mr. Daniel Toole discussed matters related to drawing better future programmes for successful implementation of plans in the coming mid-term.

It was attended by Chairmen of Pyithu Hluttaw Social and Population Development Committee U Maung Maung Sae, Culture, Education and Health Committee Chairman Dr Mya Oo, Deputy Ministers U Aung Thein and Dr Kyaw and World Bank advisor Mr Cesar Umalina made recommendations for rural development in arid regions.

Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Ohn Myint explained priorities for rural development of arid zone. The Vice-President then cordially greeted those present.—MNA
Early Child Care ...
(from page 16)
Electricity Bill to the Hluttaw. It was learnt that the electricity law enacted in 1964 in Myanmar was not in conformity with the current situation.

Similarly, U T Khin Myat of Kutkai Constituency put forward National Race’s Rights Protection Bill to the Hluttaw.

Sustainability of a national race depends on their language, literature, arts, cultural and customs. It needs to set up an union level ministry to link respective region and state governments/ministers with union government and union ministers for socio-economic development of national races, said questioner U T Khin Myat.

With regard to Early Child Care and Development Bill which was sent back by Amyotha Hluttaw with its amendments, the bill committee and the Hluttaw representative discussed and Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin made clarifications and it was approved in line with amended para and subpara.

Regarding Printing and Publishing Enterprise Bill, Member of Bill Committee U Khin Maung Shwe submitted coordination and scrutiny of Sports, Culture and Public Relations Development Committee, Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission and the Ministry of Information.

With regard to Bill on Recall of MP submitted by Union Election Commission, Bill Committee Member Dr Soe Moe Aung read the report on findings of bill committee and the Hluttaw decided to approve it.

Regarding Bill amending Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law sent back by Amyotha Hluttaw with its amendments, Committee member U Khin Maung Nyo submitted the report on findings of bill committee.

U Thim Lwin of Chaung Constituency put forward an urgent proposal urging the Hluttaw representatives to participate in the ceremonies at respective towns and regions in coordination with township management committee, regional development supportive committee, townsenders and social organizations in accord with rules and regulations and the Hluttaw decided to put it on record. The meeting ended at 3 pm and the 21st day session continues on 13 November.—MNA

Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives UNICEF Regional Director for East Asia and the Pacific

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a delegation led by UNICEF Regional Director for East Asia and the Pacific based in Bangkok Mr Daniel Toole at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this afternoon.

Present at the call together with the Vice-President were Deputy Ministers U Tin Oo Lwin, Dr San Win and Dr Than Aung and responsible persons. The visitation delegation was accompanied by Representative of UNICEF Mr Bertrand Bannivel.

They had a cordial discussion on cooperation with respective ministries concerned in implementing mid-term review of state’s plan jointly implemented by Myanmar and UNICEF from 2011 to 2015, capacity building, education, health and child care.—MNA

Bill amending ...
(from page 16)

The Speaker of the Hluttaw decided that the Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee should review the discussions of the MPs. Two MPs seconded the bill amending the law on salaries, allowance and insignia of the region or state level person, the bill amending the law on salaries, allowance and insignia of the self-administered division or zone leading body chairman and CEC members and the bill amending the law on salaries, allowance and insignia of the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman and members. The Speaker announced that the date to adopt the decision will be designated for the discussions of the MPs.

Four MPs discussed the bill amending the salaries, allowance and insignia of MPs of Pyithu Hluttaw.

Nay Pyi Taw delegation meets Chinese officials

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—At the invitation of Foreign Affairs Committee of National People’s Congress of China, a Pyithu Hluttaw delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Hla Myint Oo visited China from 30 October to 5 November.

While in Beijing, U Hla Myint Oo held discussions with Mr Chen Changzhi, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress of the People’s Republic of China, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Fu Ying, Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (IDCPC) Mr. Ai Ping, Vice Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Liu Zhenmin and the Vice Chairperson of the Guangzhou Provincial People’s Committee.

The delegation comprised U Sai Kyauk, U Khin Maung Shwe, U Han Sein, U Kyaw Myint, U Zin Wan and U Min Khating from Pyithu Hluttaw Office.

Public announcement for remonstration

1. The Kachin National Congress for Democracy (KNCD) headquartered at No. (327) in Dukhahtang Ward, Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, on 11-11-2013, submitted its applications to register as a political party under the Article 5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the day of the announcement.

Public announcement for remonstration

1. The Kachin State Democracy Party headquartered at No. (386) in Yuzwain Ward in Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, on 11-11-2013, submitted its applications to register as a political party under the Article 5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the day of the announcement.

Tuesday, 12 November, 2013
Triangular brass gongs, small bells, used in meritorious deeds, attract globetrotters

Myanmar Buddhist people beat triangular brass gongs and small bells from the umbrellas and other religious edifices such as pagodas and stupas in sharing merits to all living beings after performing meritorious deeds at charity works and donation ceremonies.

Save the Children meets Meiktila District and Township Committee of Child Rights

MEIKTILA, 11 NOV—A team led by Ms Laura Helen Payne of Sweden-based Save the Children met with members of Meiktila District and Township Committees of the Child Rights at the hall of Township General Administration Department on 9 November.

In her speech, Ms Laura Helen Payne expressed her happiness for cooperation of departmental officials in tasks of rights of child with Save the Children. She and her team arrived there to observe how they can help Myanmar in remaining two years period of the project, she said.

Departmental officials provide necessary assistance for implementation of the projects of the Save the Children and are discharging duties at the district and township committees of the child rights. At present, the departmental officials meet with youths of 15 project villages monthly to coordinate the future tasks for the project, said U Myint Aye, Staff Officer of District Information and Public Relations Department.

Heads of District and Township Immigration and National Registration Departments said that thanks to Save the Children, the issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards to the youths under 10 achieved much success in the villages. He requested the Save the Children to extend its project area in the whole Meiktila Township for caring children.—Kyemon-Chan Tha (Meiktila)

Minywa Village of Thanatpin Tsp enjoy electrification

THANATPIN, 11 NOV—The Ministry of Electric Power provided one 315 KVA transformer to Minywa Village of Thanatpin Township, Bago Region, with the aim of enabling the people to consume electricity at full capacity and implement system.

With the contribution of the local people, the transformer was installed in the village with related parts on 9 November.

Minywa Village-tract has been consuming electricity since 1954. Due to increased use of electricity, the number of electric meters and industrial-used electric meters are higher and higher in the village.

In consequence, the present 315 KVA transformer could not take overload of the power consumption, so it caused breakdown for many times.

In 2012, the Ministry of Electric Power provided one 315 KVA transformer to the village for extended installation.

At present, the local people are pleased for consumption of power at full capacity.

Globetrotters prefer triangle brass gongs to be used in beating them in commemoration of successful completion of religious ceremonies and donations for sharing merits to the living beings both from the abode of human beings and spiritual world. Moreover, they also prefer use of beating small bells of umbrellas of pagodas and stupas, said sellers of triangle brass gongs and small bells at Lawka Marazein Kuthodaw Pagoda in Mandalay.

“Some tourists bought triangle brass gongs and small bells as souvenir works on the trip to Myanmar are happy in hearing the sweet sounds of triangle brass gongs and small bells beaten by sellers. They also beat them. These items are sold at K 2000 to K 3000 per work depending on sizes. Most of the tourists on their arrival at Mandalay visit Kuthodaw Pagoda. Of them, some tourists buy triangle brass gongs and small bells,” said a youth who sells triangle brass gongs and small bells in the precinct of the pagoda.

After performing meritorious deeds, Myanmar Buddhist people beat the brass works to inform other people of their deeds.

They install the small bronze bells at the umbrellas of the pagodas and stupas to organize the devotees for remembering doing of meritorious deeds in time.

Kyemon-Chan Tha (Meiktila)

A local youth explains usage of triangle brass gong to a flock of tourists at a stairway of pagoda.
Japan to send medical team to typhoon-hit Philippines

**Tokyo, 11 Nov — The Japanese government said on Monday it will send a medical team to the Philippines, ravaged by the powerful Typhoon Haiyan that has left hundreds of people dead.**

“We are making arrangements with the Philippine government to dispatch our disaster relief team as early as today,” Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said at a press conference. “We’d like to extend as much support as we can, based on local needs and requests from the Philippine government.”

The team consists of around 25 medical experts including doctors, nurses and pharmacists from the Japan Disaster Relief Team, according to the government. Tokyo sent two officials from the Foreign Ministry and the Japan International Cooperation Agency on Sunday to assess the situation in the country.

Kyodo News

Typhoon Haiyan hitting Vietnam’s northeast

**Hanoi, 11 Nov — Typhoon Haiyan has landed in Vietnam’s northeastern province of Quang Ninh, some 120 km east of capital Hanoi, Vietnamese and Chinese observatories reported early Monday morning.**

China Meteorological Administration (CMA) posted a report on its Public Weather Service Centre’s website, which reads that the 30th Typhoon in 2013 named “Haiyan” at 5 am Beijing Time on Monday (2100 GMT on Sunday) is located at 107.3 E 21.1N, which falls at the coastal area of Quang Ninh Province in Northeastern Vietnam. The location also indicates that in the previous hour, Haiyan, before landing, has passed Vietnam’s 1.43 degrees of the site Ha Long Bay, which lies along the coast of Quang Ninh Province.

With central barometric pressure measured at 965 hectopascals (hPa), Haiyan’s peak wind speed reaches 38 metres per second (m/s), according to the CMA report. Meanwhile, Vietnam’s National Centre for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting (NCHMF) at 4 am local time (2100 GMT) in its report, also located Haiyan at 107.2 E 21.0N. The location also falls in Quang Ninh Province’s coastal area.

In the severe tropical storm warning issued by Vietnam’s NCHMF, it reads that with Haiyan’s arrival, coastal areas in north Vietnam witness force 9 to 11 gales, while parts of Quang Ninh Province are confronted with force 13 gale.

Xinhua

Laos seeks to soothe neighbours over Mekong dam

**Vientiane, 11 Nov — Laos is taking steps to convince neighboring countries of the merits of the planned Don Sahong hydropower project over the Mekong River.**

Laos government officials organized a site visit on Sunday and Monday so that interested parties could see the site first-hand and get a sense of the natural and social environment of the project area in the far south of Champassak province, some 700 km south of Lao capital Vientiane.

The site visit was arranged after the Lao government notified neighboring countries of its plans to develop the intergovernmental Mekong River Commission (MRC) of its decision to proceed with development of the 260 MW run-of-river dam, Lao state-run Vientiane Times online reported on Sunday.

More than 100 people are visiting the site of the 723.1 million US dollars project. Plans call for the group to travel by boat to the dam site and walk along the channels through the Siphanlonde area where the Mekong River flows into Cambodia.

The visit was organized by Lao Ministry of Energy and Mines together with the Lao National Mekong Committee and the project developer, Malaysia’s Mega First Corporation Berhad (MFCB).

Delegations from Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam and representatives from MRC development partners, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), independent organizations and regional media outlets were invited to take part. The site visit aims to demonstrate that the dam will not be built on the Mekong mainstream, and that Laos is complying with the 1995 Mekong Agreement on sustainable development. The aim of the visit is to provide accurate information regarding Laos’ decision to develop the project and to gather feedback, said the report.

The main concerns of neighboring countries are fish passage and migration through the area. Senior Environmental Manager of the Don Sahong Hydropower Project, Peter Hawkins, said once the dam is built, fish will be able to use several other channels for upstream and downstream migration.

Some foreign media and environmental activists said Laos is in violation of the 1995 Mekong Agreement as it failed to conduct prior consultation with downstream neighbors before giving the project the go-ahead.

Xinhua

Australia’s record-breaking heat continues

**Canberra, 11 Nov — Australia is on track for its hottest ever calendar year, with new March records 10 degrees above the long-term average.**

According to the statement, the Australian Climate Council’s most recent report “Off the Charts” revealed that October was 1.43 degrees Celsius above the long-term average.

Professor Will Steffen from the council said in the statement that exceptional warm weather continues across Australia.

“Off the back of the hottest September on record, October is also breaking records. We have set the record again for the warmest 12-month period on record, from 1 Nov, 2012 to 31 Oct, 2013, and we are on track for the hottest calendar year on record,” Steffen said.

Steffen emphasized that rapid and deep cuts in greenhouse emissions are required to reduce the risk of more severe extreme weather in the future.

“Over the month of October New South Wales experienced devastating bushfires very early in the fire season. This October was the second warmest on record in Sydney, at 3.6 degrees Celsius above the long-term average,” he explained.

Xinhua

Children play with snow in Harbin, capital of northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, on 10 Nov, 2013.

**New Light of Myanmar**

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Plastic card spending rise hits record in New Zealand shops

**Wellington, 11 Nov — The rise in New Zealand core consumer spending with plastic cards last month was the highest in more than a decade, the government’s credit card agency announced on Monday.**

Electronic card spending in the core retail industries, which exclude motor vehicle-related industries, rose 1.8 percent in October, following a fall of 1 percent in September, according to Statistics New Zealand.

“October’s increase in core retail spending was the largest since records began in October 2002,” industry and labour statistics manager Blair Cardno said in a statement. “Durables accounted for most of the extra spending, although shoppers did spend more in all six of the retail industries.”

Spending on durables (furniture, hardware and appliances) rose 46 million NZ dollars, or 4.3 percent, the largest increase since the series began and followed a fall of 35 million (3.2 percent) in September. —Xinhua
Two killed in mining accident in E India

NEW DELHI, 11 Nov — At least two people were killed and one was critically injured in a mining accident inside an iron ore mine in the eastern Indian state Odisha, police said on Sunday. A machine used to pile up materials broke down Saturday at the Bolani mine of the Rourkela steel plant in Keonjhar district when laborers were operating it, said the police.

The Rourkela steel plant is a unit of the state-run Steel Authority of India Ltd. In August, seven people were killed and several others trapped after a pile of coal collapsed at an open cast mine of state-run Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. in Odisha, also known as Odisa. Odisha is one of the major mining areas in India.—Xinhua

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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
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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: MV SIMA
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797
Los Angeles, 11 Nov — Actress Nicole Kidman and Katie Holmes have reportedly become good friends and speak on the phone regularly.

Both the ex-wives of Hollywood star Tom Cruise are reportedly enjoying gossiping with each other about their families and careers, reports contactmusic.com. “They had a really nice conversation. They talked a little about what it was like being married to Tom and have stayed in touch ever since,” a source said. — PTI

Tom Cruise’s ex-wives Nicole Kidman, Katie Holmes are now friends

European Union and Myanmar government officials, leading political figures and business representatives will foster their partnership through the launch the EU-Myanmar Task Force.

In a series of meetings in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw, they will identify ways of providing comprehensive support to the political, economic and social transition in Myanmar.

On 13 November in Yangon:
Opening Reception of the Task Force hosted by the EU High Representative and Vice-President of the European Commission, Catherine Ashton.

On 14 November at UMFFCII in Yangon:

On 15 November at MICC in Nay Pyi Taw in the presence of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein:
Task Force Economic Session, Inter-Parliamentary Session and Political Session.

A Press Conference will take place in the Myanmar International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw on Friday, 15 November at 16:00.

More information on the Task Force and registration can be found on www.eu-myanmar-taskforce.com

Please note that participation in the EU Myanmar Task Force is upon invitation only.

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MV PHUONG NAM-68 VOU NO (-)

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanmar Port Authority
Agent for: MV G Link Express Pte Ltd.
Phone No: 256924/256914

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm 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
Myanmar Port Authority
Agent for: M/S ECL (SINGAPORE) PTE LTD.
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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Shipping Agency Department
Myanmar Port Authority
Agent for: M/S FORTUNE SHIPPING AGENCY PTE LTD.
Phone No: 256924/256914

Claim Day Notice

A fool and his money are soon parted

Tom Cruise’s ex-wives Nicole Kidman, Katie Holmes are now friends

Nicole Kidman and Katie Holmes are ex-wives of Tom Cruise.—PTI
Van Persie sinks Arsenal, City lose at Sunderland

Manchester United striker Robin van Persie’s soaring first-half header secured a 1-0 win over his old club Arsenal on Sunday that pricked the visitors’ bubble and thrust the champions back into the Premier League title race. The Old Trafford defeat checked Arsenal’s breakaway and left them with 25 points from 11 matches, two clear of Liverpool who thrashed Everton 4-0 on Saturday, with United moving up to fifth place on 20.

Manchester City suffered a stunning 1-0 set-back at struggling Sunderland, who had taken just four points from their 10 previous games, and dropped to eighth on 19 points. Ambitious Tottenham Hotspur also hit an unexpected roadblock in losing 1-0 to Newcastle United at White Hart Lane, with visiting goalkeeper Tim Krul making a stunning 14 saves to keep a clean sheet. Arsenal’s Old Trafford trip was a litmus test for both sides, with the North Londoners arriving as the form team eager to end years of hurt at United and charge 11 points clear of old rivals under new management.

Alex Ferguson may have been watching from the directors’ box rather than shouting on the bench but David Moyes’ side ensured the outcome remained depressingly familiar for the Gunners, who have now won only one of their last 10 league games against United. “This was a big result for us today. Arsenal have been in terrific form this season,” said Moyes after his biggest success so far at United.

Nadal and Djokovic in final as Swiss melt away

Rafael Nadal of Spain signs autographs after defeating Roger Federer of Switzerland in their men’s singles semi-final tennis match at the ATP World Tour Finals at the O2 Arena in London on 10 Nov, 2013.—Reuters

LONDON, 11 Nov — Switzerland’s challenge at the ATP World Tour Finals melted away like an Alpine glacier in a heatwave on Sunday as Rafa Nadal and Novak Djokovic marched on to the grand finals. Nadal muscled past Roger Federer 7-5, 6-3 before Djokovic extended his hot streak to 21 consecutive victories with a routine 6-3, 6-3 defeat of Stanislas Wawrinka. Fittingly the regular season will end with a $1.92 million shoot-out between the two dominant forces in men’s tennis who will go head-to-head for the 39th time.

Djokovic, who like Nadal had a 100 percent record in round robin play, will be desperate to retain his title after ceding the world number one ranking to the relentless Spaniard in October.

“We are both having a great season this year. This is probably the best possible final we have here in London. We’ll see what happens tomorrow,” Djokovic, who was rock solid against tournament debutant Wawrinka, told a news conference.

“This is probably the most competitive tournament that we have after grand slams in our sport, and we both want to end this season in the best possible way and end it with a title.” Predicting a winner will be a tough task.—Reuters

Returning running back
Brown sparks Giants win

East Rutherford, NJ, USA; Oakland Raiders running back Rashad Jennings (27) picks up first down against the New York Giants during the first half at MetLife Stadium. — Reuters

East, New York Giants are still clinging to postseason hopes after beating the Oakland Raiders 24-20 on Sunday.

Sparked by the return of running back Andre Brown, who ran for 115 yards and a touchdown, the Giants scored the last 10 points to overcome a 20-14 third-quarter deficit and register their third win in a row. It was Brown’s first game in almost a year after his 2012 season ended prematurely with a broken leg and another break in the same limb in pre-season saw him miss New York’s 0-6 start.

“We don’t make it easy on ourselves but we found a way to win,” Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. “We’re trying to go one game at a time and see where we are. We just made another notch closer.” — Reuters
Tourists pose for a photo in front of a waterfront in the Lijiang Old Town, southwest China’s Yunnan Province, on 10 Nov, 2013. Tourism has become a pillar industry in Lijiang in recent years with a high annual revenue. — Xinhua

UAE oil fair highlights diversification of energy sources

ABU DHABI, 11 NOV — The 4-day Abu Dhabi oil and gas fair, exhibition and conference ADIPEC started on Sunday, focusing on the challenges amid growing global energy demand. Sheikh Hazza bin Zayed Al Nahyan, national security adviser of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and member of the ruling family in Abu Dhabi, officially inaugurated the 16th edition of the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference (ADIPEC). Over 1,600 exhibitors from around the world are present, while 52,000 attendees are expected. The UAE minister of energy, Suhail Mohamed Al Mazrouei said in his opening speech that diversification of energy sources and new partnerships is on the top of agenda and is key challenge to the global oil and gas industry. The minister said that the aim was to reduce dependency on gas and increase investment in renewable energy such as solar and wind energy, adding “the UAE will remain a reliable partner and major oil supplier to the world.”

Xinhua

Jaguars claw way to first win of season

TORONTO, 11 Nov — The Jacksonville Jaguars pulled off the Week 10 shocker upsetting the Tennessee Titans 29-27 to collect their first win of the season on Sunday to leave the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as the NFL’s only winless team. While the victory by the Jaguars (1-8) was the big surprise the St. Louis Rams’ 38-3 demolition of the Indianapolis Colts ranked a close second on another wild Sunday filled with Hail Mary passes and plenty of last-second drama.

The Seattle Seahawks (9-1) kept a firm hold on the top spot in the West, thumping the Falcons 33-10 in Atlanta, while the New York Giants (3-6) moved back into the play-off chase in the NFC East, running their win streak to three games with a 24-20 victory over the Oakland Raiders (3-6). A dismal season that had seen the Jaguars outscored 86-264 finally produced a bright moment as Maurice Jones-Drew and Jordan Todman each ran for a touchdown to help Jacksonville to a long awaited win. There was nothing pretty about the Jaguars’ performance as quarterback Chad Henne completed just 14 passes for 180 yards with no touchdowns and two interceptions. But the Jacksonville defense came through when needed most, recording a safety early in the fourth quarter then recovering a fumble and returning it 21 yards for the winning points with just over two minutes remaining.

In the NFC North, the Detroit Lions (6-3) moved to the top of the division with a narrow 21-19 win over the Chicago Bears (5-4) while the problems continued for the Green Bay Packers (5-4) continued with a 27-13 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles (5-5). Matthew Stafford tossed three touchdowns, including a pair to All-Pro receiver Calvin Johnson, but it was the Detroit defense that sealed the win, stopping the Bears two-point conversion attempt with 40 seconds left on the clock.

With Aaron Rodgers out with a broken collarbone, Seneca Wallace got the win for the Packers but before the end of the first quarter Green Bay was down to third string Scott Tolzien after Wallace was forced out of the game with a groin injury.

Philadelphia quarterback Nick Foles, who threw an NFL record equaling seven touchdowns last week, tossed the score more against the Green Bay, including a 55-yarder to DeSean Jackson. Trail- ing the Baltimore Ravens 17-0 at the half, the Cincinnati Bengals (6-4) staged a furious second half comeback forcing overtime when Andy Dalton threw up a Hail Mary pass with no time on the clock that landed in the hands of A.J. Green for a touchdown. But the Bengals could not put away the Super Bowl champions. Arizona’s Ryan Tucker connecting on a 46-yard field goal to secure a thrilling 20-17 victory for the Ra- sens (4-5).

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Vice-President U Nyan Tun receives Netherlands-based Royal Dutch Shell Co officials

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—Vice-President U Nyan Tun received a delegation led by Mr Simon Henry, Board member of and Chief Financial Officer of the Netherlands-based Royal Dutch Shell Co at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

They cordially discussed opportunities for bilateral cooperation in investment of energy, oil and natural gas and human resource development.

Also present the call of findings on relationship between mobile phone and health in time, at today’s Pyithu Hluttaw session.

He replied that Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications installed the antenna and radio devices in line with the technique recognized by ITU. If the people use the international standard handsets, they will not suffer disadvantages of health.

Five MPs discussed the bill amending the law on salaries, allowance and insignia of the Union level persons. U Win Naung of Yangon Region Constituency No 5 discussed it needs to amend the appropriate rate of salaries for the President in conformity with the provisions of the constitution.

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Early Child Care and Development Bill approved

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—20th day session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued today and MP Daw Khin Than Myint from Ngaputaw Constituency raised a question whether there is plan or not to raise regional development fund for the townships from rural area development fund.

With regard to the question, Deputy Minister for Live-stock Breeding, Fisheries and Rural Development Dr Aung Myat Oo replied that efforts are being made to carry out construction of rural road, bridge, supply of water and electrification with village development fund.

Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency submitted a proposal urging the President to collect stamp duty and fine for evasion of stamp duty related to transfer of immovable property sold by State-owned assets management committee of the Union Government and Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Lin Aung gave clarifications.

The Hluttaw put the proposal on record and decided to submit after making discussions with the scholars.

Regarding the proposal, Deputy Minister Dr Lin Aung said that the State had carried out in accord with existing income tax and profits tax law.

Secretary of Resources and Environmental Conservation Committee U Thein Lwin submitted

Bills amending on salaries, allowances and insignia for Union level persons, MPs discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—Deputy Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Thaung Tin replied to question raised by Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No 8 on relationship between mobile phone and health that if exact research works come out, the ministry will inform the people.

Land price hike in suburban than downtown in Meiktila

MEIKTILA, 11 Nov—Since the private banks have opened their branches in Meiktila starting from 2010, price of land plots have increased. The price of property in downtown Meiktila was about K 50 million to K 100 million in the past.

Along with high land plot prices, house and apartment rental rates are up.

After occurring violence on 20 March 2013, land property market in Meiktila was calm. Meiktila lies on the junction of Myingyan, Kyaukpadaung, Taunggyi, Mandalay and Yangon. Although land brokerages in Meiktila is calm, the land plots beside the motor road are demanded. In the past, per acre on each side of motor road to Kyaukpadaung was only K 300,000 to K 500,000.

Likewise, businessmen focused on purchase of farmlands and cropland plots along the Meiktila-Myingyan road. Similarly, they buy plots of farmlands along Meiktila-Taunggyi Road, Thazi-Meiktila Road and Meiktila-Yangon Road. Due to information that ASEAN Highway will pass Meiktila, the price of land plots are hiking day by day—Thin Hlaing (Meiktila)

Myanmar Volleyball Team under training

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—Athletes are undergoing extensive training for the 27th SEA Games. Myanmar Volleyball Teamers have been chosen for the 27th SEA Games. “No sooner did the SEA Games held in December, 2011, we