Vice-President U Nyan Tun attends opening of Athlete’s Village, Social Zone

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 Nov—An opening ceremony of Athlete’s Village for 27th SEA Games took place at Wunna Theikdhi Stadium, here, this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 27th SEA Games Vice-President U Nyan Tun, Union ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers and officials.

At the ceremony, students entertained those present with dances and Village Mayor U Myo Hlaing gave an account of the Athlete’s Village.

Union ministers U Thein Nyunt, U Tint Hsan and U Htay Aung, Deputy ministers U Thaung Htike (See page 8)

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun unveils the signboard of Athlete’s Village at the opening ceremony.—MNA

Photo shows hostels for the athletes at Athlete’s Village in Wunna Theikdhi Stadium, Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Sports Village for accommodation of athletes, coaches at 27th SEA Games

With 15 days to go to the 27th Southeast Asian Games in Nay Pyi Taw on a grand scale, Nay Pyi Taw Sports Village was inaugurated on 24-11-2013 in order to provide athletes, managers and coaches who will take part in the sporting event with convenient accessibility to accommodation services and sports training.

The Nay Pyi Taw Sports Village comprising 10 clusters that were given names of the cities of states and regions is located on an area of 415 acres in Wunna Theikdhi Ward in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township. Cluster-1 called Myitkyina is designated for Thai sports contingents, cluster-2 called Monywa for Thai, Vietnamese and Timorese athletes, cluster-3 called Taunggyi for Filipino sports contingents, cluster-4 called Magway for Singaporean and Lao athletes, cluster-5 called Mawlamyine for Indonesian and Bruneian athletes, cluster-6 called Bago for Myanmar sports contingents, cluster-7 called Sittwe for Malaysian and Cambodian sports contingents, cluster-8 called Haka for managers and coaches of Myanmar sports teams and cluster-9 called Hpa-an and cluster-10 called Loikaw are for administrative teams of Myanmar.

The Sports Village is divided into three—public zone, residential zone and social zone. The public zone is consisted of gates, receptions and waiting centers. The residential zone comprising 10 clusters with 10 buildings each includes prayer halls, clinics, restaurants and offices, exchange counters, souvenir shops, training and entertainment facilities and information centers are included in social zone.

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Dhammapala monastic education school opened

Lewe, 24 Nov — An opening ceremony of monastic education primary school took place at Dhammapala Monastery in Aungtha Village-tract of Lewe Township this morning. The president Sayadaw of the monastery and officials formally opened the school. The ceremony was also attended by the chairman Sayadaw of Lewe Township Sangha Nayaka Committee, Chairman of Township Monastic Education School Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vasa Va, Township Administrator U Hla Shoung and the Sangha Nayaka Sayadaws from villages and wards and guests.

Zaw Myo Naing

Meiktila Railway Station to be upgraded

Meiktila, 24 Nov — Meiktila Railway Station will be upgraded to a cleaner facility in 2014-15 fiscal year, according to General Manager U Myint Wai of Myanmar Railways. In his response to the question of a member from Township Development Supportive Committee in meeting with Delivery Unit in the second week this month, he said that necessities will be provided to upgrade the railway station into a cleaner station.

Only a Myingyan-Meiktila-Thazi train is currently running return route daily at Meiktila Station. As Myingyan-Yangon direct train will run in the near future, it is hoped that Meiktila Railway Station will be teemed with passengers.

Chan Tha (Meiktila)
Locals loading their products at Meiktila Railway Station which is to be upgraded soon.

One child killed in road accident

Meiktila, 24 Nov — An accident happened to a truck and a motorbike near milepost No 372 on Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway in Shwetaung on 19 November. Police said that 14-year-old boy was pronounced dead on the spot at the scene.

The truck driven by Ti Ral (a) Tay Ral, 32, of Loikaw Township hit the motorbike of Ma Nyunt Sein, 45, and Maung Sithu, 14, of Shwetaung village-tract while trying to avoid the dog on the road. The young boy, a pillion rider was killed in the incident while the rider sustained minor injuries.

Shwetaung Police Station filed a lawsuit against the truck driver.
Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)

Two disabled athletes from MILI selected for 7th ASEAN Para Games

YANGON, 24 Nov — The 7th ASEAN Para Games will be held in Nay Pyi Taw from 14 to 20 January 2014.

The officials selected athletes in Nay Pyi Taw from 20 to 22 July to be able to hold the 7th ASEAN Para Games in 2014. The disabled athletes are undergoing training at the gymnasium in Dagon Myothit (North) Township and respective training centres and training schools for the 7th ASEAN Para Games.

Two disabled athletes from Myanmar Independent Living Initiative (MILI) that is implementing projects for the disabled with the assistance of Japan-based the Nippon Foundation were chosen for the 7th ASEAN Para Games. The selected disabled athletes will take part in three-wheeled chair race and chess competitions.

Myanmar Para Sports Federation invited the disabled athletes to take part in the competition. Out of 25, two disabled athletes were chosen for the Games. All 25 disabled athletes have no experience, said an official from MILI.

It was learnt that those 25 disabled athletes from MILI secured 25 medals at the 25th Annual Para Games Myanmar held at Thuwunna Youth Training centre in Yangon from 12 to 14 October.

Soe Win (MLA)

Sugarcane farmers face losses

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 Nov — It is learnt that the sugarcane farmers in Pobbathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area made a less profit in this sugarcane growing season due to transportation charges. Sugarcane growing season lasts ten months from cultivation to harvest time.

As an average rainfall is high this year, cultivation and yields are favorable. But, the trucks are difficulties to enter sugarcane plantations to carry harvested sugarcane. So, the products were carried with the use of bullock-carts and trolley, according to the sugarcane farmers from nearby villages to Dahatgon sugar mill in Tatkon, Pyinmana sugar mill and Ye-dashe sugar mill, a farmer from Thahtaygon Village exposed.

(Ko Myo-Siwe Paukkan)

Police boxes set up in Nay Pyi Taw for SEA Games security

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 Nov — Security measures will be taken at the main areas and junctions in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area during 27th SEA Games. Police will be deployed round the clock at the places where police boxes are set up for security measures. A total of 36 police boxes were positioned from Ella railway path to Khwaryo Roundabout along Yarzathigahna Road.

The deputy head and head of the police force from two offices will supervise the police boxes.
Ko Myo (Siwe Paukkan)

93rd Anniversary National Day

Objectives of 93rd Anniversary National Day

(1) Uplift of national prestige and integrity and dynamism of Union spirit
(2) Promotion of national educational standard
(3) Perpetuation of independence and sovereignty
(4) Building of a new modern, developed nation

Nay Pyi Taw, 10th Waning of Tazaungmon, 1375 ME (27-11-2013)

Don’t Smoke

Sugarcane growers loading the products in Pobbathiri Township.
Iran, six world powers clinch breakthrough nuclear deal

GENEVA, 24 Nov — Iran and six world powers reached a breakthrough agreement early on Sunday to curb Tehran’s nuclear programme in exchange for limited sanctions relief, in a first step towards resolving a dangerous decade-old standoff. The deal between the Islamic state and the United States, France, Germany, Britain, China and Russia was signed down after more than four days of negotiations.

“We have reached an agreement,” Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif announced on his Twitter feed.

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius also confirmed the deal. Iran will get access to $4.2 billion in foreign exchange as part of the accord, a Western diplomat said. No other details of the agreement were immediately available.

US Secretary of State John Kerry and foreign ministers of the five other world powers joined the negotiations with Iran early on Saturday as the two sides appeared to be edging closer to a long-sought preliminary agreement.

The talks were aimed at finding a package of confidence-building steps to ease decades of tensions and banish the specter of a Middle East war over Tehran’s nuclear aspirations.

The Western powers’ goal had been to cap Iran’s nuclear energy program, which has a history of evading UN inspections and investigations, to remove any risk of Teheran covertly refining uranium to a level suitable for bombs.

Teheran denies it ever “weaponized” enrichment. The draft deal that had been under discussion in Geneva would see Iran suspend its higher-grade uranium enrichment in exchange for the release of billions of dollars in Iranian funds frozen in foreign bank accounts, and renewed trade in precious metals, petrochemicals and aircraft parts.

Refined uranium can be used to fuel nuclear power plants — Iran’s stated goal — but also provide the fissile core of an atomic bomb if refined much further. Diplomacy was stepped up last month on the landslide election of Hassan Rouhani, a relative moderate, as Iranian president in June, replacing bellicose nationalist Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Rouhani aims to mend fences with big powers and get sanctions lifted.

He obtained crucial public backing from Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, keeping powerful hardline critics at bay. — Reuters

Afghan leader says peace needed before US security deal

Afghan President Hamid Karzai speaks during the opening of the Loya Jirga, in Kabul on 21 Nov, 2013. — Reuters

KABUL, 24 Nov — Afghan president Hamid Karzai said on Sunday the United States needed to bring peace to Afghanistan before he would sign a security deal which will enable Washington to keep troops in the country beyond next year.

“If there is no peace then this agreement will bring misfortune to Afghanistan,” Karzai said in his closing remarks to the Loya Jirga assembly of elders and dignitaries.

“Peace is our precondition. America should bring peace and then we will sign it.” The president did not elaborate, but has previously said that a free and fair election is needed to guarantee peace in the country.

The Loya Jirga was convened to decide on the government-proposed secrecy protection bill may lead to infringement of their right to know, compared with 46.3 percent who said they do not think so.

The government aims to pass the bill that would impose a prison term of up to 10 years on people who leak “special secrets” during the current Diet session, in time for the planned launch of a Japanese version of the US National Security Council that aims to better respond to security threats.

A total of 45.9 percent of those polled said they back the legislation, while 41.1 percent said they oppose the bill. As for the electoral system of the House of Representatives, 46.2 percent said the parliament should drastically review the system in the run-up to the next election.

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The vote disparity was narrowed to 1.998 times in June with the revision of the Public Office Election Law taking effect. The amendment altered the zoning of electoral districts.

In the Kyodo News survey, 30.0 percent of the respondents said the vote-value gap should be corrected further, while 12.8 percent saw no need to change the current zoning of electoral districts.

On the government’s policy of abolishing its rice production adjustment programme to keep rice prices from plunging, 50.2 percent said they supported the policy, while 39.1 percent were against it.

Approval rating for Cabinet stands at 57.9%

TOKYO, 24 Nov — The approval rating for the Cabinet of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe came to 57.9 percent, down 2.8 percentage points from the previous survey in late October, a Kyodo News survey showed on Sunday.

The disapproval rating, meanwhile, stood at 26.2 percent, down 0.8 point, according to the nationwide telephone survey conducted over the weekend.

The survey also found that 62.9 percent of the respondents said passage of the government-proposed secrecy protection bill may lead to infringement of their right to know, compared with 46.3 percent who said they do not think so.

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Opposition marches in Venezuela ahead of local elections

CARACAS, 24 Nov — Tens of thousands of opposition supporters marched in Venezuela on Saturday to pressure President Nicolas Maduro’s government before 8 December local elections after their leader denounced the pre-dawn arrest of one of his aides.

The vote for control of 335 municipalities will be the first big test of Maduro’s political strength after he narrowly defeated his opposition rival, Henrique Capriles, in a presidential election in April. Capriles told the main rally in the capital his national tour coordinator, Alejandro Sil- va, was taken at gunpoint from a Caracas hotel room by military intelligence agents. The aide said later on Twitter that he had been released.

“Maduro, don’t be a coward! ... You want to put me in prison, come for me!”

I’m not afraid,” Capriles said to cheers from a crowd of 2,000 to 3,000 supporters, many wearing the blue, yellow and red of the Venezuelan flag. With voters frustrated over surging inflation and product shortages, a major part of the government’s strategy has been a theatrical confrontation with business leaders that echoes the style of Maduro’s late mentor, Hugo Chavez.

The authorities have ordered businesses to slash prices and people have flooded shops to take advantage of discounted items ranging from car parts to electronics and sports shoes. Maduro said a new foreign currency exchange mechanism would be unveiled on Monday, but gave no other details. — Reuters

Blast shocks Afghan eastern city of Jalalabad, wounds two

JALALABAD, (Afghani- stan), 24 Nov — A bomb blast shocked Jalalabad city, the capital of eastern Nangarhar Province on Sunday, injuring two persons, police said. “A bomb planted on a road in Majbor Abad area of Jalalabad city was detonat- ed at around 08:00 am local time today, wounding two innocent passersby,” police spokesman in Jalalabad city Hazrat Hussain Mashriqi- tal told Xinhua.

Without giving more details, the official blamed Taliban militants for organizing the blast, saying the rebels by conducting such attacks want to terrorize the people. The blast in Jalal- abad city took place while a traditional Loya Jirga, or grand assembly of tribal elders and notables, is under way in Kabul to decide whether to accept a security pact with the United States. Xinhua

Opposition supporters march during a protest in Caracas against inflation and shortages on 23 Nov, 2013. — Reuters

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Twitter takes step to make it harder to spy on its users

An illustration picture shows the Twitter logo reflected in the eye of a woman in Berlin, on 7 Nov, 2013. REUTERS

New York, 24 Nov — Twitter Inc said it has implemented a security technology that makes it harder to spy on its users and called on other Internet firms to do the same, as Web providers look to thwart spying by government intelligence agencies. The online messaging service, which began scrambling communications in 2011 using traditional HTTPS encryption, said on Friday it has added an advanced layer of protection for HTTPS known as “forward secrecy.” “A year and a half ago, Twitter was first served completely over HTTPS,” the company said in a blog post. “Since then, it has become clearer and clearer how important that step was to protecting our users’ privacy.” Twitter’s move is the latest response from US Internet firms following disclosures by former spy agency contractor Edward Snowden about widespread, classified US government surveillance programmes.

Microsoft sells over a million Xbox Ones in under 24 hours

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 Nov — Microsoft Corp sold over 1 million of its new Xbox One game consoles within 24 hours of their hitting store shelves on Friday, in contrast to the last event 800,000 years ago, another would seem to disappear. Scientists say the magnetic field is hard to predict, the consequences may be enormous. Satellites, essential among others for communications, could be more exposed to solar wind, and the oil in dustry uses readings from the magnetic field to guide drills. “Swarm is an essential mission, not only for Europe but also for the world,” ESA Director General Jean-Jacques Dordain told Reuters following the launch. “We cannot live on planet Earth without this (magnetic) shield.” The Swarm mission was developed and built by European aerospace group EADS’ Astrium unit.

Chinese scientists capture first image of hydrogen bonds

BEIJING, 24 Nov — Chinese scientists have visualized hydrogen bonds through modified non-contract atomic force microscopy (AFM) for the first time. In history, the National Centre for Nanoscience and Technology (NCNST) said on Friday. Hydrogen bonds are fundamental to the most important molecules in nature. They are responsible for holding the two strands of DNA’s double helix together and many enzymes use them to catalyze reactions. Although study of hydrogen bonds in the 1850’s, scientists had not been able to visualize them until now. A group of scientists with the NCNST has modified equipment for five years to create the top non-contact AFM in the field, which has allowed scientists to accurately analyze the structure of hydrogen bonds and directly measure the bond angle and length. “As an analogy, we have seen people on the ground standing in line from space before, but now we see them hand in hand for the first time,” said Qiu Xiaohu, one of the group’s scientists, adding that the discovery has broad application prospects in the study of intermolecular interactions. Qiu said accurate measurement of hydrogen bonds not only helps in understanding the bonds’ interactions, but also has great significance in materials science and pharmaceutical development.
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**More walking tied to lower stroke risk among men**

“Our study suggests that maintaining an active lifestyle, specifically by spending more time on all forms of walking, could be an important part of stroke prevention strategies in older people,” Jeffers told Reuters Health in an email. She led the research at University College London in the UK.

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**US FDA approves J&J hepatitis C pill**

**New York, 24 Nov —** US regulators on Friday approved the use of John-
son & Johnson’s Olysio, also known as simprevir, as a treatment for chronic infection with the liver-de-
stroying hepatitis C virus. Olysio, a protease inhibitor that blocks a specific protein needed by the virus to repli-
cate, is to be used in combi-
nation with interferon, given by injection, and ribavirin, another pill.

Hepatitis C affects about 3.2 million Ameri-
cans, killing more than 15,000 each year, mostly from illnesses such as chronic liver inflam-
rhosis and liver cancer. The often-undiagnosed virus is transmitted through contam-
inated blood. Infection rates have dropped since the early 1990s, due in part to the in-
troduction of blood and or-
gan screening. Still, many older adults remain at risk, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
tion, which has called for baby boomers to be routine-
ly tested for the virus.

Olysio is a member of the same class of drugs as Merck & Co’s Victrelis and Vertex Pharmaceuticals’ Inci-
evix.

The FDA approved both those drugs in 2011. Olysio was shown in clini-
cal trials to cure patients with a shorter duration of treat-
ment. Drugmakers have been racing to develop more effective, easier-to-
tolerate antivirals to treat hepatitis C Wall Street ana-
lysts have forecast annual sales of billions of dollars for new drugs that would allow doctors to skip use of interferon, which can cause severe flu-like side effects.

The FDA is slated to decide by December 8 on Gilead Sciences’ application for sofosbuvir, a member of a different class known as nucleotide analogue inhibi-
tors, or “nukes,” designed to block a different enzyme the virus needs to copy itself.

European regulators on Fri-
day recommended approval of the Gilead drug, under the brand name Sovaldi. Other companies working to de-
velop new hepatitis C drugs include AbbVie and Bristol-
Myers Squibb. —Reuters

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**Canada to export more agri-foods to China**

**Vancouver, 24 Nov —** As China became one of the fastest-growing markets for Canadian agri-foods, Ot-
tawa plans to increase such ex-
ports to the Asian country. Under a new programme un-
veiled Friday, the Canadian government will invest up to 4.3 million Canadian dol-
ars (4.08 million US dollars) annually over the next five years to fund increasing agri-
food exports to China and other Asian markets.

China, a “critical mar-
et” for Canada, saw its agri-food imports from the western Canadian province of British Columbia grow at 20 percent annually, said Man San Law, founder, chairman and chief executive officer of 500.com Ltd.

“Class A ordinary shares of the company, “Without any doubt, to choose the United States and trade our stocks on the New York Stock Ex-
change will improve our brand rapidly and increase our competitiveness against them (other online lottery companies),” Man San Law, founder, chairman and chief executive officer of 500.com Ltd. told Xinhua.

Competition comes from portals like Taobao and Tencent, which have their own brands, lottery channels and large amount of web-
site traffic, he said, adding 500.com will try to enhance its specialty and services to sharpen its competitive edge. —Xinhua

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**Shares of China’s 500.com, Sungy Mobile roar at IPO trading on US market**

**New York, 24 Nov —** A pair of Chinese firms, 500. com Limited and Sungy Mo-
 bile Limited, saw their stocks roar on Friday when they made debut on the US stock-
markets. After its first day of trad-
ing on the New York Stock Exchange, stocks of China’s leading online sports 
lottery service provider 500. com Limited closed at 20.01 dollars per share, up almost 54 percent from the price of its initial public offering (IPO).

The company said it priced its IPO of 5,786,000 American Depositary Shares (ADSs) at 13.00 US dollars each with a total offering size of 75.2 million dollars. One ADS represents 10

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A view shows the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) logo at the lobby of its headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland on 14 Aug, 2012. —Reuters
Seven die in avalanche on Japan mountain

TOYAMA, 24 Nov — Seven people died after being caught in an avalanche Saturday on a mountain on Japan’s main island of Honshu, local police said.

The seven — four men and three women — were climbing or skiing when the 30-metre wide, 600-metre long avalanche occurred at around 10:55 a.m. on a western slope of the 2,861-metre-high Mt Masagoy in Toyama Prefecture along the Sea of Japan, the police said.

They were taken to hospital by helicopter but confirmed dead, they said.

The police said they are in the course of identifying the seven.

Darkness forced police and local rescue authorities to suspend their efforts to determine whether other people also might be missing as a result of the snow slide.

At least one person feared to be missing was found to be safe later, the police said. — Kyodo News

Angolan police kill opposition member, detain 292 protesters

LUANDA, 24 Nov — Angolan security forces shot and killed an opposition activist on Saturday, hours ahead of protests across the country where police detained 292 people.

The killing comes after a tense week during which President Jose Eduardo dos Santos’ MPLA party accused the main opposition party UNITA of promoting “chaos” with its protests and local rescue authorities confirmed dead, they said.

“During the transfer of the group to a police station, one of them (Ganga) jumped off the vehicle and an officer made the shot that hit him,” spokesman Aristofanes dos Santos told a news conference.

“He was taken to the hospital but despite treatment he ended up dying,” he said, adding that police lamented the “unhappy incident” but that the opposition parties should not have gone ahead with the protests that the Interior Ministry had banned.

CAS-A-CE said Ganga had been taken aside and shot in the back by the guards. Opposition parties and international human rights groups have long accused President Dos Santos of suppressing human rights and using violence to keep his position.

Prosecutors said last week that Isaas Cassule and Antonio Alves Camulingui, who were involved in organising protests by former presidential guards to demand payment of wage arrears, had been kidnapped and possibly murdered in May 2012. — Reuters

Bahrain says arrests two ‘terror’ suspects

Bahrain’s Interior Ministry said it has arrested two Gulf Arab citizens suspected of plotting “terror” attacks against the island kingdom.

The two Gulf nationals tried to enter Bahrain with forged passports through King Fahd Causeway, which joins Bahrain to Saudi Arabia, and were “carrying a large amount of money”, the ministry said late on Saturday.

“The initial investigation revealed that the arrestees are former detainees of the Guantanamo detention centre. They are suspected of plotting a terror act to jeopardize the security and safety of Bahrain,” the ministry said in a statement.

The statement did not elaborate on the nature of the planned attacks or the identities of the two people arrested.

Bahrain, a Western ally which hosts the US Fifth Fleet, has been hit by political unrest since protests led by majority Shi’ite Muslims erupted in 2011.

Authorities in Bahrain quelled the February 2011 revolt with help from Saudi Arabia and other Sunni-ruled Gulf states. But protests and clashes have persisted and talks between the government and the opposition have failed to end the crisis.

Local governments combat “corruption on wheels”

KUNMING, 24 Nov — Clear labelling of government cars so that the public can easily identify them and spot their misuse has become a trendy practice among China’s local authorities in response to the country’s anti-corruption drive.

Chen Xiaoming, deputy director of Yongyang County Publicity Department of Lijiang City in southwest China’s Yunnan Province, posted photos of an official car painted with the screen name “Iron Man.”

“The practice should be promoted nation-wide,” replied a Weibo user with the screen name “Writer Cuichenghao,” a popular online satirist who has 1.64 million followers on Weibo, reposted the images under the headline “Breaking news!”

Chen was surprised by the enormous online buzz, as he told Xinhua that the initiative was designed simply to meet requirements from the city and provincial governments on reorganizing official vehicles.

A package of rules issued last December by China’s leadership aiming to cut excessive spending of public funds has refueled the country’s politics, with decreasing misuse of official vehicles being one of the most prominent changes.

However, the Communist Party of China (CPC) disciplinary watchdog circulated a notice in mid-November citing 4,851 cases involving private use of government cars by officials. They accounted for one-third of recorded violations of China’s frugality guidelines.

Yongsheng County’s Chen is not alone in trying to correct this, however. In Quing City, also in Yunnan Province, stickers saying “Official cars not for private use” and listing an information hotline are to be pasted on the windows of official vehicles since April 2012. — Xinhua

Angolan mountain

Honduran citizens walk in front of a billboard of the presidential candidate Juan Orlando Hernandez of the National Party of Honduras, in Nacoome, 105km from Tegucigalpa, capital of Honduras, on 23 Nov, 2013. The presidential election of Honduras will be held on 24 November, with the participation of nine political parties. — Kyodo News

Supporters of Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) gathered during a protest rally in northwest Pakistan’s Peshawar on 23 Nov, 2013. Pakistan’s cricketer-turned-political leader, Imran Khan, whose party’s thousands of supporters have blocked a key supply route for NATO forces, Saturday declared that he will mobilize public opinion against the US drone attacks. — Xinhua

Bombs kill nine and wound 54 in northern Iraq

Local governments in northern Iraq have failed to end the wave of attacks in crowded public places.

The bombings took place in the town of Tu Khurnato, 170 km (100 miles) north of the capital Baghdad, in a region where both the central government and autonomous Iraqi Kurdistan claim as theirs.

The first bomb detonated in a car in a busy market near a Shi’ite mosque before prayers and was quickly followed by a suicide bomber wearing an explosive vest, the sources said.

Iraqi authorities are struggling with the worst violence in at least five years and say Sunni Muslim insurgents linked to al-Qaeda are to blame for most of the attacks, which have killed hundreds each month since the beginning of a year.

Since US troops withdrew at the end of 2011, attackers have been increasingly targeting markets, kiosks, cafes and sports events, rather than just army checkpoints and police patrols. The victims have mainly been civilians in Shi’ite areas.

Iraq’s sectarian balance has come under pressure from a prolonged political stalemate at home and the civil war in neighbouring Syria, where mainly Sunni rebels are fighting to topple a leader backed by Shi’ite Iran.
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Smog disrupts traffic in NE China

SHENYANG, 24 Nov — Smog, a problem that affected areas in Liaoning province for the past two days, caused the collapse of 310 apartment units and have seriously damaged 16,000 houses, causing direct economic losses of 2 billion yuan, according to the civil affairs department of Jilin Province.

Trial for Colorado movie shooter postponed

AURORA, (Colorado), 24 Nov — The trial for the man accused of killing 12 people in a movie theater in the west of the United States had been postponed indefinitely, according to a court decision.

The court is to hold a hearing on 17 December and 18 December to determine whether James Holmes will undergo more psychiatric examination, and when his trial will be held.

James Holmes, 25, has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to charges of murdering at Aurora theater in July 2012, one of the worst mass murders in the United States’ history.

District Court Judge Carlos Samour Jr will in the next three weeks consider prosecution motions of asking for one more psychiatric evaluation of Holmes, that will delay the long-anticipated trial date.

Court officials said on Thursday that they expect the trial to begin in April, 2014.

Holmes’s attorney Tamara Brady will have to file a motion until 6 December, countering the prosecution’s request for their experts to examine Holmes.

Prosecutors asked psychiatric experts to analyze Holmes and “revise” one of three determinations revealed in a document on his condition by psychiatric experts, who analyzed Holmes over the summer in Pueblo, Colorado.

Legal experts said the requested examination by prosecutors will try to establish Holmes’ sanity at the time of the shootings, a condition required for his execution.

Emergency response initiated for northeast quakes

BEIJING, 24 Nov — The Chinese central authorities on Saturday initiated an emergency disaster relief response for northeast China’s Jilin Province after three earthquakes measuring 5.0 or greater in magnitude jolted the area.

Expert teams and disaster-relief materials have been sent to the quake-hit areas, said the National Commission for Disaster Reduction and A 5.3-magnitude quake hit the Qian Gorlos Mongol Autonomous County and its border with Qian’an county at 4:18 pm on Friday.

On Saturday, a 5.8-magnitude quake hit the area at 6:04 am, followed by another 5.0-magnitude quake at 6:32 am.

No casualties have been reported so far. A total of 260,000 families in 125 villages in the two counties have been affected by the quakes, and 45,000 people have been relocated.

The quakes have caused the collapse of 310 apartment units and have seriously damaged 16,000 houses, causing direct economic losses of 2 billion yuan, according to the civil affairs department of Jilin Province.

Kenya urges relief agencies to relocate to Somalia

DADAAB, (Kenya), 24 Nov — The Kenyan government on Saturday called on international agencies providing humanitarian services to thousands of Somali refugees in Dadaab to relocate to Somalia. Cabinet Secretary in charge of international security Joseph ole Lenku called on the agencies to prepare to provide the services to refugees who will be repatriated back to the Horn of Africa nation starting in January 2014.

“The Nongovernment Organizations working in the Dadaab refugee camp should move their services into Somalia to enable the returning refugees go on with their lives,” Lenku said at Dadaab refugee camp, the world’s largest refugee settlement. The remarks come after UNHCR, Kenya and Somali governments on 10 November signed an agreement laying out the framework by which Somali refugees in Kenya could return to their homeland.

The agreement comes amid reports that between 30,000 and 80,000 Somali refugees have spontaneously returned to south-central Somalia since January.

There will be no vetting process, the UN refugee agency confirmed, other than to check the nationality of the person. A Tripartite Commission will be established, per the agreement, to oversee the implementation of its provisions.

Lenku also stressed that the repatriation process of Somali refugees who have been living at the camp for more than two decades will go on as scheduled.

The cabinet secretary made it clear to thousands of refugees, who had petitioned the government to stop the planned repatriation process, that the exercise is irreversible.

“Will not change our plans. There is no turning back. It is time to say goodbye and wish you the best as you go back home. Go and help your country rebuild,” Lenku said.

“Stopping the repatriation process is not possible and it must go on,” he told refugees, local leaders and UNHCR country officials.

The East African nation is hosting about 500,000 Somali refugees, the majority of whom are in the large Dadaab refugee camps complex in the north-east of the country.

On 13 November, the International Organization for Migration together with the UNHCR, urged all international aid agencies working in search for durable solutions for Somali refugees to work with the UNHCR and the Somali government to ensure sustainable reintegration of the refugees in areas of return.
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Deputy S & T Minister Dr Ba Shwe gives a speech at 2013 Global CEO Conference in Shanghai of China.—MNA

A great cheer for SEA Games success

Myanmar is going to host a regional sports event, Southeast Asian Games. Being a host country, Myanmar is responsible to hold the SEA Games on the one hand and to earn a national reputation for sports excellence, winning a number of medals on the other. In order to realize the task, the onus is not only on responsible persons and sports athletes but also on the entire people as strong public support is very important for SEA Games success.

The host Indonesian won many gold medals in the previous games thanks to the full support of home fans. Likewise, support of home fans is a much needed boost to a success for the host athletes in respective games in other countries. It is said that support at home can contribute to winning a game, accounting for 50 per cent. Home fans show their support for a win over opponent team by waving flags, wearing same clothes and giving cheers of encouragement to their home team. Fans’ cheers of encouragement can be a decisive factor for home team and such kind of support can be made by the host country. That’s why, host countries win gold medals even in ordinary games thanks to the support of their own people ever.

So, Myanmar sports fans are to offer their full support to each and every game apart from football. It is required to establish Myanmar fan clubs for giving their support to Myanmar teams and Myanmar athletes in every sports event.

Fan clubs need to cheer the participants on a systematic way as good cheer is instrumental.

Deputy S & T Minister attends workshop for developing countries in PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ba Shwe attended the workshop on developing countries in Changsha of People’s Republic of China from 7 to 16 November.

The purposes of the meeting are to ensure wider use of renewable energy, development, preservation of natural environment and ecosystem and cooperation with neighbouring countries in energy sector of China.

The deputy minister also attended the Chinese Ecological Industrial Parks Development and International Cooperation Forum in Guangzhou.

He participated in the workshop with the topic of “The Rise and Cooperative Prospect of Energy Market in South East Asia” at 2013-Global CEO Conference at International Convention Center in Shanghai, on 12 November.

He also participated in the Ministerial Workshop on Mechanism of Renewable Energy Utilization and Development for Developing Countries and International Cooperation Symposium on New Energy and New Material, Hunan, 2013 Conference at Dolton International Hotel of Changsha from 14 to 16 November.

Vice-President U Nyan Tun attends opening...

(from page 1) and U Cooper Win cut the ribbon to open the village.

Afterwards, the Vice-President unveiled the signboard of village and looked around there.

The Union ministers and deputy ministers formally opened the Social Zone and the Vice-President and party viewed round and put signatures on a wall of the Social Zone.

At a cash donation ceremony for Myanmar athletes, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo clarified the purposes of the donation on behalf of wellwishers.

Union Industry Minister continues inspection tour

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint made an inspection tour of No. 31 Heavy Industries in Thayet in Magway Region yesterday.

The factory manager reported on facts about of the factory, availability of lime stones, production capacity, production and distribution and invitation of Expression of Interest (EOI) to the minister.

The Union minister called for the staff not to cause burden the people with non commercial business of State own enterprises, ensuring good industrial relations between the staff and the entrepreneurs for increasing number of production. He urged the entrepreneurs to regard the staff as their partners.

The Union minister inspected production process of cement and grinding of the lime stones.

Later, he looked into the conditions of horse and sheep breeding farm (Yanpal) in Taungdwingyi Township and met with the staff.

Gen Khin Zaw Oo clarified on behalf of wellwishers.

Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint inspects at No. 31 Heavy Industries in Thayet.—MNA

Deputy S & T Minister Dr Ba Shwe presented certificates of honour to them.

Union Industry Minister called for presentation of other wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

U Tint Hsan, Chairman of the Leading Committee for holding the 27th SEA Games spoke words of thanks on the occasion.

Later, the Vice-President and party enjoyed entertainment presented by vocalists.—MNA
Two explosions occur in Aungzeya Village of Myothit Sub-Township in Tamu District

Deputy Commissioner, the commander of District Police Force and officials of local battalion inspected the places of incidents in Aungzeya Village of Myothit Sub-Township.

MMAL-158

12-wheeled truck plunges into lake on Yangon-Mawlamyine Road

BAGO, 24 Nov—A 12-wheeled vehicle with the load of construction materials hearing for Hpa-an from Yangon hit the frame of bridge No 1/79 near milepost 78 on Yangon-Mawlamyine Road, northeast of Waw in Bago Region at 4.30 am on 21 November.

The vehicle then plunged into the lake on the left side of the road. Driver U Ye Win, 38, of Pakokku and conductor Aung Ko Oo of Kyonpyaw were not injured in the incident.

Police of Waw Myoma Police Station inspected the scene and took action over the case.

MMAL-023

Stake driven for Thakin Po Hla Gyi Bronze Statue

CHAUK, 24 Nov—a ceremony to drive stake for the construction of the foundation of Alawaka Thakin Po Hla Gyi was held in the May Day Monument compound in front of Oilfield Hospital in Region 6 in Chauk Township of Magway Region on 20 November. Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Thein Nyunt, Township Administrator U Maung Maung Thet, Magway Region Hluttaw representative U Hnin Aung and officials laid cornerstones at the designated places.

MMAL-Win Htay (Chauk)

Voluntary Service

Local road in Lwejel repaired

LWEJEL, 24 Nov—A 400-yard long damaged road in Lwejel of Kachin State was repaired with contribution by U Maung Maung Than and family bought construction materials for the road and voluntary works of local people contributed to the road.

“This road is bad condition in rainy season. Motorcycles and cars dodged the pits and mud. Thanks to wellwisher, the local people have good access to one place to another.”

MMAL-Nyan Min (Namkham)

1.5 million stimulant tablets seized in Muse

NAYPU TAW, 24 Nov—According to information exchange between Myanmar and China, suspected persons Bay Tar, Wunna, Aung Aung, Myint Thu, Myint Aung and Kaythi Khaing were put under interrogation.

Members of No 22 Anti-Drug Squad (Muse) searched the room hired by Kaythi Khaing with her key receivced from Phyo Wai Lin who was detained in drug case, in Homon Ward of Muse on 19 November.

They seized 1.5 million stimulant tablets from Xin Xim boxes. Muse Myoma Police Station opened files of lawsuit against Phyo Wai Lin of Pathem, Bo Bo Aung, Than Htut Aung, Kyaw Thet Oo (a) Bay Tar of Yangon, Kaythi Khaing of Taunggyi and Myint Aung of Mandalay under the law.

MMAL-Police Information
**Fuel tank set ablaze as rebels attack oil refinery in Syria**

**Damascus, 24 Nov** — Armed rebels fired mortar shells at a key oil refinery in Syria’s central province of Homs on Saturday, causing a huge fire at one of the fuel tanks, the state-media said.

The director of Homs Oil Refinery Akram Sultan said that a worker was injured as a fuel tank was set ablaze by a mortar shell launched by “terrorists.” Sultan said that the fire-fighters have started extinguishing the fire.

Homs Refinery Company, the first refinery in Syria, came into operation in 1959 with a capacity of one million ton per year of light crude oil. The rebels have targeted several oil and gas pipelines across the country in a bid to paralyze the energy sector of the war-torn country.

Earlier in the day, al-Qaeda-linked Nusra Front captured al-Omar oil field in the eastern province of Deir al-Zour during an overnight battle with the government troops, according to activist groups.

**Indian PM warns state police chiefs of terrorists’ attempt to disrupt next general elections**

**New Delhi, 24 Nov** — Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Saturday cautioned the country’s top police brass that terrorists might attempt to disrupt the next general elections due in May 2014 and the assembly polls in some states.

“There is a likelihood of attempts (by terror groups) to disrupt the forthcoming Lok Sabha (Lower House of attempts (by terror groups) to disrupt the next general elections due in May 2014 and the assembly polls in some states. We cannot afford such a state of affairs. Once disturbances occur they must be tackled with utmost firmness, without prejudice, fear or favor,” he said.

The northern state of Uttar Pradesh’s Muzaffarnagar town had couple of months back witnessed communal riots which claimed the lives of over 60 people and rendered many homeless.

**Libya deploys 3,000 troops in capital**

**Tripoli, 24 Nov** — The Libyan interim government announced Saturday evening deployment of army soldiers in the country’s capital city of Tripoli.

Libyan Defence Minister Abdullah Al-Thinni said at a Press briefing that 3,000 national army soldiers are to be deployed at the main entrances and sensitive areas in Tripoli. The announcement came after the militia had to start to evacuate Tripoli in response to the Libyan parliament’s decision to evict militia from the capital.

Protesters carried on striking Friday to demand the armed group to leave Tripoli, a week after the militia killed 43 people during a march which asked the group to disband. The Libyan Prime Minister Ali Zeidan told reporters that the evacuation of all militia has started even though it will take long due to the equipment they had. Zeidan asked the citizens in Tripoli to end their strike that has lasted for one week and get back to their work. — **Xinhua**

**Bomber in blasts targeting Iranian embassy in Beirut identified**

**Beirut, 24 Nov** — Lebanon has identified one of the suicide bombers who attacked the Iranian embassy in Beirut on Tuesday, the army said in a statement on Saturday.

DNA samples from the father of Moein Abu Dahr confirmed that the latter was one of the suicide bombers who targeted the Iranian embassy in Beirut on 19 November, “read the statement. The father identified his son after photos of the wanted men were published. Daher hails from the southern port city of Sidon.

Twin suicide bombings on Tuesday targeted the Iranian embassy in Hezbollah’s stronghold in the southern suburbs of Beirut, killing at least 25 people and injured more than 150 others. On a related note, a local security source told Xinhua that the second suspect in the attack was identified as Adnan Mohammedi, who is a Palestinian national from the Ain el-Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp.

**Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang speaks at the closing ceremony of “Tourism Year of China” in St Petersburg, Russia, on 22 Nov, 2013. “Tourism Year of China” in Russia came to an end on Friday, with senior Chinese and Russian officials pledging to promote tourism cooperation to higher levels. — **Xinhua**

**Yu Zhengsheng (R), chairman of the National Committee of Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), meets with former Namibian President Sam Nujoma at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 23 Nov, 2013.** **Xinhua**

**Israeli Labour Party leader vows not to join current coalition**

**Jerusalem, 24 Nov** — Newly-elected chairman of the Israeli Labour Party, the main opposition party to the government, said on Saturday there is “no point” in entering the current coalition at its present make-up, local media reported.

Yitzhak Herzog made the comments during his first interview on Channel 2 news after winning the Labour party primary elections on Thursday, outing standing chairwoman Shelly Yechimovich.

He alluded to the far-right members of Benjamin Netanyahu’s coalition, namely the hawkish members of the ruling Likud Party, as well as the Jewish Home, as a hard-line coalition that the Labour Party cannot work with.

“The current make-up of Netanyahu’s government, it doesn’t make any sense for us to join it. It’s a paralyzing coalition that wouldn’t agree to evacuate settlements and there’s no reason for us to be in it,” Herzog said.

However, he reiterated Yechimovich’s repeated statement that if Netanyahu decided to go all the way with the Palestinians, the Labour party would be there to back him up.

“All options are on the table. If he’ll strive to make courageous diplomatic move, we’ll be there to help him,” he said.

Herzog, the son of the late Israeli President Haim Herzog, won the support of more than 60 percent of the votes, according to the Parli-ament’s statement on Friday.

The party, which has been the legendary ruling party for the country’s first forty years, became the third largest in the January elections with only 15 out of 120 seats in the Parli-ament, after more than a dec-ade of a downward spiral.

Herzog was a veteran politician and lawyer who served since 2003 in several governments in ministerial posts. His election may have major ramifications for the make up of Israeli poli- tics. Herzog is more accept-ing to the idea of possibly joining a government led by Benjamin Netanayau and had taken part in right wing-led governments in the past.

If he will be more inclined to join Netanyahu’s government then the party may join the coalition instead of the Jewish Home right-wing party, which is against the peace talks Is-rael is holding with the Pal-estinians, making it easier for the Prime Minister to go for more substantial moves towards a possible future agreement. — **Xinhua**
Cambodia probes corruption allegations from international health fund

Phnom Penh, 24 Nov — Cambodia’s government anticorruption agency has launched an investigation into allegations of corruption involving the handling of money from an international fund to fight infectious diseases, a senior official of the watchdog agency said.

Chhay Savuth, deputy chairman of the Anti-Corruption Unit, told Kyodo News his office has opened an investigation after the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria alleged more than $12 million in funding had been compromised by the National Malaria Center and National Center for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STD Control.

The Global Fund, based in Geneva, said officials at the National Malaria Centre had received $410,000 in bribes and about $20,000 in gifts from Vestergaard Franden and Sumitomo Chemical Singapore Pte Ltd., two of the world’s largest providers of mosquito nets, in a bid to secure government contracts to provide the netting.

The Global Fund also alleged the National Centre for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STD Control had directed $317,000 of Global Fund money to companies that had paid bribes.

The Global Fund has suspended contracts with Vestergaard Franden and Sumitomo Chemical Singapore Pte Ltd., two of the world’s largest providers of mosquito nets, in a bid to secure government contracts to provide the netting.

The Ministry of Health, which supervises the two government health agencies, said it has nothing to do with the corruption scandal. The Global Fund has supported programs in Cambodia to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, with $331 million disbursed since 2003, playing a key role in helping Cambodia curtail malaria deaths by 80 percent, reducing tuberculosis cases by 45 percent and HIV infections by 50 percent.

Dancers perform traditional parade dance “Pajku Gandiung Sewa” in Banyuwangi, East Java of Indonesia, on 23 Nov, 2013.—Xinhua

India begins training 500 Vietnam sailors in submarine warfare

New Delhi, 24 Nov — India has begun training of some 500 Vietnamese sailors in the art of submarine warfare operations, reported local daily The Times of India on Saturday.

“Many of us have worried for months that we would extend unilateral ceasefires in areas hit by typhoon Haiyan for another month until Christmas Eve,” said the Indian prime minister earlier.

“The training of Vietnamese sailors in ‘comprehensive underwater combat operations’ at Indian Navy’s submarine school INS Satavahana in Visakhapatnam, south India, is a major initiative in an emerging strategic partnership between Delhi and Hanoi, said the paper.

“The Indian Defence Minister A K Antony has promised all help to Vietnam for capacity building of its armed forces. There are already a couple of hundred Vietnamese officers and sailors, along with interpreters (in India). Over 500 Vietnamese sailors will be trained in batches by the Indian Navy,” the newspaper quoted a defence ministry official as saying.

“Indian will continue to assist Vietnam in modernization and training of its defence and security forces, including through 100 million US dollar line of credit for defence purchases,” said the Indian prime minister earlier.

Philippine leftist rebel group extends unilateral truce in typhoon-hit areas

Manila, 24 Nov — The leftist rebel group Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) announced on Saturday that it would extend unilateral ceasefires in areas hit by typhoon Haiyan for another month until Christmas Eve.

The NPA, armed wing of the CPP, has been waging a guerrilla war in the countryside for more than four decades. Military estimates the NPA’s strength at more than 4,000 men scattered in more than 60 guerrilla fronts throughout the country.

Nomads get access to electricity

Urumqi, 24 Nov — The isolated Lop Nur people in northwest China’s Xinjiang finally bade farewell to the days of candles, as a new electricity network reached their hometown in the desert.

In addition to the Mongolian Autonomous Prefecture, the main settlement of the Lop Nur people, suddenly had their unused electric lights come in handy about one week ago.

“The minute we have bought TV sets, refrigerators and washing machines in advance to wait for today,” said villager Maihemuti Amuti.

“Finally, we can live a modern life.”

For generations, the nomads have lived around the Lop Nur, a dried-up lake secluded between the Taklamakan and Kunlun deserts in the southeast of Xinjiang.

Once the second largest salt water lake in China, together with the Tarim River, Lop Nur nurtured the kingdom of Loulan, an ancient civilization along the Silk Road, which was established around the second century BC and died out at 630 AD.
Lightning claims nine lives in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 24 Nov — Nine people were killed by lightning in South Africa within one day, prompting President Jacob Zuma to send condolences to the families of the victims, the Presidency said on Friday.

The victims were struck by lightning at two separate incidents in Middelburg and Witbank, both in Mpumalanga Province on Wednesday, according to the Presidency. “We extend our deepest condolences to the friends, family and relatives of those who lost their lives during this tragedy. We also wish speedy recovery,” Zuma said on Wednesday, according to the Presidency.

French military officer wounded in Mali

PARIS, 23 Nov — A gunman on Friday shot at a French military officer in Bamako slightly injuring him, according to local reports.

The shooter, not identified yet, wounded the French officer in his head and shoulder. His health situation was not serious, media reports said.

Shortly after the shooting, Malian security forces arrested the gunman.

UNICEF urges global response to crisis in Central African Republic

UNITED NATIONS, 24 Nov — The UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) on Friday described the situation in the Central African Republic (CAR) as “tragic,” urging an immediate international response to address the country’s humanitarian crisis now affecting its entire 4.6 million population.

The Central African Republic is among the countries with the worst social indicators in the world, including maternal and infant mortality rates,” said Farhan Haq, the acting UN deputy spokesman, citing UNICEF’s figures.

The CAR has been plunged into a humanitarian crisis since the Seleka rebels launched a series of attacks against the government last December, which culminated in the ouster of then-President Francois Bozize in March.

A transitional government has been established with a mandate to restore law and order. However, the peace efforts has been left in tatters by renewed armed clashes in the north of the country since August. Under such difficult circumstances, UNICEF was delivering aid to the children and women across the country, with immunization and back-to-school campaigns, Haq said.

In his latest report to the (UN) Security Council on the situation in the Central African Republic, the secretary-general says that he is increasingly concerned by the deepening crisis in the country and that there is an urgent and growing need to address the crisis before it spirals out of control,” Haq said. —Xinhua

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Libyans demonstrate on a street in the capital Tripoli to demand the withdrawal of all armed militias from the capital on 22 Nov 2013. Libyan militia groups continued withdrawing from the capital of Tripoli on Thursday in response to the parliament’s decision to evict all armed groups from the capital city. —Xinhua

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Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 27th November(Wednesday) 2013, Bank Nationalday, being public holiday Under the Negotiable Instruments Act. 

Central Bank of Myanmar
Beijing, 24 Nov — A showcase of the best Chinese films is taking place in Taiwan as we speak, they are competing for the Golden Horse Awards, regarded as the Chinese language Oscars. Films from the Chinese mainland have gained more prominence in recent years.

Mainland production “Beijing Blues” is about plain-clothes crime-hunters trying to track down a cunning robber. The film is full of dry humor and local idioms and scenes of Beijing. It is a contender for the grand prize.

Another competitor is also a detective film call “The Bullet Vanishes”, a Hong Kong-Mainland co-production about a detective investigating a series of murders in Shanghai in the 1930s. Director Johnny To’s Hong Kong film, “Life Without Principle,” is about ordinary citizens caught up in the fallout of the global financial meltdown.

To is also up for best director, while veteran actor Lau Ching Wan, who portrays a triad thug seeking to recover money, is seen as a favorite for best actor.

Taiwan-made “Girlfriend Boyfriend” has seven nominations, including awards for film and director. Its best shot at a prize may be in the best actor category, where Joseph Chang portrays a man caught up in a romantic triangle involving three former high-school classmates.

Norwegian duo Ylvis discuss their success with quirky song

Beijing, 24 Nov — If you haven’t heard of Ylvis, that will soon change. The duo’s song “What Does the Fox Say?” has so far had over 230 million views on YouTube, 44 times the population of Norway, their home country. Let’s see what Ylvis has to say about their success with the quirky song “The Fox”.

The two Norwegian brothers who perform under the name of Ylvis have had great success with their parody pop song “The Fox” in the last couple of months. With over 230 million views on YouTube since its release in September, Ylvis’ ambitions to perform across the globe and a children’s book based on the song, things seem to be going well for the duo.

But in fact, it’s not all milk and honey.

“The strange thing about it is that people, especially back in Norway, people now expect us to be billionaires because of this. Like people got back in the good old days when people sold records and, but the fact is always that we have meetings every week now to sort of sit down, look at the whole picture and insure ourselves that we don’t lose money on this project you know. That’s how things are, so we should have been living like 50 years ago,” Vegard Ylvisaker, Recording Artist said.

The song, which has captured the imagination of millions, asks a basic question: “What does the fox say?” The brothers appear on the video in a series of animal costumes emulating the sounds of various animals, but are stumped when it comes to the red-tailed creature.

Ylvis say that the book they’re launching was organically developed from the theme of the song before they even made the video. —Xinhua
Barcelona, 24 Nov — Cristiano Ronaldo fired Real Madrid ahead before going off injured as they cruised to a 5-0 win at Almeria to remain six points adrift of leaders Barcelona who defeated Granada 4-0 earlier on Saturday. Atletico Madrid then played their part in a day of big wins for the teams at the top of the table when Raul Garcia and David Villa scored two goals apiece to help Atletico Madrid retain a strong hold on second spot with a 7-0 win over 10-man Getafe. Ronaldo struck after three minutes but the game was still in the balance when he limped off early in the second half. Karim Benzema set Real’s nerves by curling home the second on 61 minutes before Gareth Bale, Isco and Alvaro Morata consigned Almeria to a resounding defeat.

The main concern was the extent of the leg strain for Ronaldo, who has bagged 14 goals in seven games including four for Portugal in their triumphant two-legged World Cup playoff win over Sweden.

“I don’t think it is important,” Real coach Carlo Ancelotti told a news conference. “He had a problem with his thigh but I don’t think it will be anything as there was no pain. He will be back soon.”

Injury-plagued Barca continued to set the pace after first-half penalties by Andres Iniesta and Cesc Fabregas set them up for victory. Visiting Granada had Manuel Iturra dismissed after 66 minutes and Alexis Sanchez and Pedro completed the rout for the champions, who were missing a string of players including Lionel Messi, Xavi and keeper Victor Valdes.

Barcelona have 40 points from 14 games and a three-point lead over Atletico Madrid, with city rivals Real a further three points adrift after Saturday’s action.

Real pressed Almeria in a storming start and it did not take long for them to go in front as Isco sent Ronaldo through with a searching ball from the right.

Almeria set out to defend deeply with live at the back, a system that has brought them success in recent games, but Real’s quality in attack proved too much.

The home side were dangerous on the break with Suso curling a shot just round the post while Benzema headed wide at the other end before a fine run from Ronaldo ended with his shot being saved by Esteban Suarez.

Barcelona’s Cesc Fabregas scores from a penalty during their Spanish First division soccer match against Granada at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on 23 Nov, 2013.—Reuters

Real Madrid’s Cristiano Ronaldo (top) is challenged by Almeria’s Jesus Joaquin Fernandez, “Suso” during their Spanish First Division soccer match at Juegos Mediterraneos stadium in Almeria, on 23 Nov, 2013.—Reuters

Following the restart, Ronaldo went off holding his leg after battling for the ball with Alex Vidal. The game had turned scrappy but Benzema produced a fine goal and from there Almeria’s heads dropped.

Bale robbed Sebastian Dubarbier to get on the scoresheet before Isco and Morata completed the rout. —Reuters

Ibrahimovic forgets World Cup woe to help stretch PSG lead

Paris, 24 Nov — Zlatan Ibrahimovic put his World Cup anguish behind him by scoring one goal and setting up another as champions Paris St Germain won 3-0 at Stade Reims to stretch their Ligue 1 lead to seven points on Saturday. Ibrahimovic, who featured in Sweden’s World Cup playoff defeat by Portugal in midweek, put the seal on PSG’s win with a Paris Saint-Germain’s Zlatan Ibrahimovic controls the ball during their French Ligue 1 soccer match against Stade de Reims at Auguste Delaune Stadium in Reims on 23 Nov, 2013.—Reuters 90th-minute strike after earlier goals by Lucas Moura and Jeremy Menez.

The capital club, unbeaten in 34 games in all competitions, now have 34 points from 14 matches. Second-placed Lille host Toulouse on Sunday.

Brazil forward Lucas opened the scoring after a fine one-two with Ibrahimovic, firing home a low cross-shot in the 24th minute.—Reuters

Pelican Marquez in December. There were no knockdowns in the fight.—Reuters

Vettel on pole for Brazilian Grand Prix

Sao Paulo, 24 Nov — Red Bull’s quadruple world champion Sebastian Vettel stormed to pole position for the season-ending Brazilian Formula One Grand Prix after a rain-hit qualifying session at Interlagos on Saturday. The 26-year-old German, more than ever in a class of his own, made his 45th career pole — and ninth of the season — look all too easy as he swept round a rain-soaked track with a time of one minute 26.479 seconds.

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Red Bull Formula One driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany celebrates after taking pole position at the qualifying session of the Brazilian F1 Grand Prix at the Interlagos circuit in Sao Paulo on 23 Nov, 2013.—Reuters

“Producing two laps that were over half a second clear of the rest of the field in such tricky conditions, what more can you say?” Ferrari’s Fernando Alonso equalled his best position of the season with third place next to Vettel’s Australian team mate Mark Webber, preparing for his Formula One farewell before heading off to race sportscars with Porsche.

Webber, who had toppled the timesheets in a meaningless final practice with most drivers conserving tyres, was more than a second off Vettel’s pace when Alonso said a mistake had cost him eight tenths.

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Goetze scores on return as Bayern sink Dortmund

DORTMUND, 24 Nov—
Mario Goetze scored on his return to Borussia Dortmund, the club where he grew up, to set bitter rivals Bayern Munich on the way to a 3-0 Bundesliga win in the clash of Germany’s top two sides on Saturday.

Goetze stabbed the ball home from 10 yards out minutes after coming on as a substitute to a resounding chorus of jeers, as the Bavarians enjoyed their first league win over Dortmund since February 2010. The 21-year-old, whose transfer stunned Borussia fans when it was confirmed last April for 37 million euros ($50.04 million), did not celebrate his goal.

Arjen Robben sealed the win with a typically breakaway effort with five minutes left and Thomas Mueller side-footed a third to complete a demoralising evening for Dortmund as their makeshift defence collapsed. Dortmund were left to rue an early miss by Robert Lewandowski, who fired wide from six metres after only two minutes and a brilliant save by Bayern goalkeeper Manuel Neuer to deny Marco Reus with the score 1-0.

The win took leaders and champions Bayern, who have 35 points, seven clear of third-placed Dortmund. Bayer Leverkusen are 30 points behind the champions following two defeats.

Bayern, who had not won any of their last six meetings with Dortmund, had plenty of early possession but spent most of the game passing the ball sideways, unable to play their way out of defence.

After Lewandowski’s miss, Jakub Blaszczykowski wanted a chance for the home side when he dived over his shot and Reus had a powerful drive repelled by Neuer as the hosts looked menacing.—Reuters

Work to remove used fuel at Fukushima No 4 spent fuel pool eyed Tues

TOKYO, 24 Nov—
Work to remove spent fuel from a storage pool inside a damaged reactor building at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear complex will begin on Tuesday at the earliest, a source close to the operator of the Fukushima plant said on Saturday.

The work started last Monday, with workers first extracting 22 unused fuel assemblies as part of a year-long mission to eventually remove over 1,000 assemblies from the spent fuel pool of the No 4 unit of Tokyo Electric Power Co’s Fukushima plant to deal with one of the major hazards in the cleanup activities.

It is the first time from March 2011, when the nuclear crisis erupted, for TEPCO to engage in removing fuel assemblies from the spent fuel pool.

The No 4 unit suffered a hydrogen explosion but avoided a reactor meltdown, unlike the Nos. 1 to 3 reactors, as all of its fuel was stored in the spent fuel pool because the reactor was undergoing periodic maintenance work at the time.

Kyodo News

Arsenal extend lead, Liverpool draw 3-3 at Everton

LONDON, 24 Nov —
Arsenal stretched their Premier League lead to four points when they were gifted a 2-0 home victory over third-placed Southampton on Saturday following a laughable blunder by visiting goalkeeper Artur Boruc.

Southampton, beaten only once previously this season, were holding their own at the Emirates until Polish international Boruc tried to dummy his way past Olivier Giroud in the 22nd minute and was dispossessed by the Frenchman, who scored.

Arsenal, who completet the win through Giroud’s late penalty, have 28 points. Liverpool are second on 24 after a pulsating Merseyside derby ended 3-3 at Goodison Park as Daniel Sturridge scored in the 90th minute for the visitors after Everton had twice come from behind to lead 3-2.

The day’s London derby was much more straightforward as Frank Lampard scored twice in Chelsea’s comfortable 3-0 win at his old club West Ham United which also took them to 24 points. Southampton are fourth on 22, a point ahead of Everton.

Newcastle United continued their good run with a 2-1 home win over Norwich City to move to 20 points alongside champions Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur, who are both in action on Sunday at Cardiff City and Manchester City respectively.

Arsenal hit the post twice in the early stages at the Emirates, once via an audacious flick by Aaron Ramsey, but they were denied their opener on a penalty.

Boruc had the ball at his feet with plenty of time to clear but twice tried to dink City and Show past Giroud, only to lose the ball and give the Frenchman an open goal.—Reuters
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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker attends hoisting of diamond orb, pennant-shape vane and golden umbrella of Historic Aungmyin Zeya Pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—A ceremony to hoist diamond orb, pennant-shape vane and golden umbrella atop Historic Aungmyin Zeya Pagoda was held at the pagoda in Taungdwingyi in Magway Region this morning.

It was attended by the members of Sangha led by Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Suddhamma Jotika Dr Kumaratihivam-sa, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Union Minister U Hsan Hsint and wife Daw Khin Ma Lay, officials and national race cultural dance troupes. The congregation received the Nine Precepts from the SSMNC Chairman Sayadaw.

Then, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and wife and officials donated diamond orb, pennant-shape vane and golden umbrella to the Sayadaws.

The pennant-shape vane and diamond orb were hoisted atop the pagoda and the Sayadaws consecrated the pagoda.

The growing ceremony of banyan trees followed. Members of Sangha led by the Region Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Sayadaw, the Union minister and Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe planted the banyan saplings.

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Photo shows business groups voluntarily contribute their coaches for the smooth transportation during the XXVII SEA Games.- (PHOTO BY KO MYO-SHWE PAUKKAN)

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NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—U Kyaw Tin, Permanent Representative of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations raised an objection to a resolution about Myanmar at a meeting of the Third Committee of the 68th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in which draft resolutions regarding the situations of the human rights in Myanmar, Syria, Iran and North Korea were approved in New York, the USA, on 19 November.

Regarding the draft resolutions, a meeting report under the headline “Delegations hail human rights improvements in Myanmar as Third Committee approves 8 draft resolutions, including 4 country-specific texts” was released on 19 November by United Nations Information Centre.

At the time when the draft resolution titled “Situation of the Human Rights in Myanmar” was approved by the meeting of the Third Committee, some delegates welcomed positive developments in political and economic reform processes and called for an end to submission of such draft resolution to the Third Committee in future, it is learnt.

Regarding the draft resolution which was adopted without a vote in the Third Committee, Myanmar Permanent Representative to the UN U Kyaw Tin reiterated the Myanmar delegation’s long standing position against the use of the word, “Rohingya minority” in the text. It has never been included among over 100 national races of Myanmar. He spoke of the most important point that the government has high-level commitment to prevent its recurrence and has taken actions against perpetrators without discrimination.

During the recent visit of OIC delegation to Myanmar, the government has reiterated its assurance to put an end to all acts of violence, to protect the civilian population and to ensure full respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. The government has been working with the international community to provide humanitarian needs and to promote interfaith dialogues. The facilitation of the recent visit of the OIC delegation to Myanmar demonstrates our readiness to engage with international community to alleviate the humanitarian situation, he added.

He continued that the rights to land ownership, or movements or access will be considered in accordance with the laws of Myanmar and the prevailing security conditions.

He expressed the Myanmar delegation’s principled position of opposition to selective tabling of country specific resolutions which target particular member states selectively, saying that the UPR is the sole mechanism to fairly address human rights situations in all countries, promoting and protection of human rights should be based on the principles of cooperation and genuine dialogue through strengthening the capacity of member states to comply with their human rights obligations.

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Relief supplies of Myanmar Armed Forces airlifted to the Philippines

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—Myanmar Armed Forces airlifted relief supplies for storm victims of the Philippines today.

An aircraft of Myanmar Airways carrying Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and senior military officers, drinking water bottles, medicines and foodstuff arrived at Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila, at 11.15 pm LST today.

On behalf of the Myanmar Armed Forces, the Vice Adjutant-General handed over relief aid to Deputy Chief of Staff of the Philippine Air Force Major General Wilfredo Ona and officers. As the chair for ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces Meeting, Myanmar Armed Forces called on ASEAN Defence Forces to provide humanitarian assistance to Typhoon Haiyan-ravaged people of the Philippines. ASEAN Defence Forces also sent relief supplies to the Philippines.

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Service personnel carrying relief supplies for storm victims of the Philippines.—MYAWADY

YANGON, 24 Nov—In commemoration of Writer Hmawby Saya Thein who was able to open a new page in the history of Myanmar literary and create new writing style of prose, he spoke words of thanks.

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