President accepts Credentials of Serbian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov—Mr. Miodrag Nikolin, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented his Credentials to U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw at 11:00 am today.

Present on the occasion were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt and Director-General U Thurain Thant Zin of the Protocol Department.—MNA

President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with Mr. Miodrag Nikolin, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia to Myanmar, at the Presidential Palace.—MNA

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President U Thein Sein holds talks with Mrs. Ann Ollestad, the newly-accredited Ambassador of Norway to Myanmar.—MNA

First Israeli Film Festival 2013 launched

YANGON, 25 Nov—The first Israeli Film Festival 2013 was held at Nay Pyi Taw movie theatre in Yangon yesterday evening. It was attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, the region ministers and their wives, Israeli Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Hagay Moshe Behar, officials of the foreign embassy and guests.

At the ceremony, the Israeli ambassador to Myanmar extended greetings and the chief minister and party enjoyed ‘AVIVA MY LOVE’ movie.

During the festival, six Israeli movies will be shown at Nay Pyi Taw movie theatre from 24 to 27 November.—MNA

Cyclonic storm “LEHAR” not moving towards Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov—According to the observations at (17:30) hrs MST today, the severe cyclonic storm “LEHAR” over Southeast Bay of Bengal centered at about (125) miles Northwest of Port Blair (Andaman Island), India and about (180) miles Southwest of Cocogyun and about (350) miles Southwest of Pathein, Myanmar. It is forecast to move West-Northwest wards.

Under the influence of the severe cyclonic storm, rain or thundershowers will be scattered to fairly widespread in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions.

Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) m.p.h.

The present stage of the severe cyclonic storm is coded yellow stage and it is not moving towards Myanmar coasts.

Trawlers, vessels and ships are advised to advert possible danger by the cyclone.—NLM
Arrival of pilgrims, holiday-makers on increase in Kayah State

LOIKAW, 25 Nov— Peace brings fruitful results to Kayah State with better transport and security. Thus, a large number of cargo and passenger buses enter the state day by day. As of November, vehicles of pilgrimage tour arrive there. Due to better transport facilities, many holiday-makers visit Kayah State. Growing number of flocks of tourists at home and abroad benefit development of domestic goods shops, restaurants, lodgings and hotels. While visiting Kayah State, the visitors at home and abroad understand nature of the state, lifestyles of the people and businesses. As such, peace plays a crucial role for the regional development, said a local. The pilgrims can visit and pay homage to pagodas and stupas in Loikaw and Dimawhso and enjoy panoramic views of natural beauties at Bilu Lake, Nawngya Lake, Haingahla Lake, seven lakes, Hitpint Lake, Ngwetaung Dam, Kayat Cave and lifestyles and traditions of ethnic of Kayah State.

In the past, Kayah had less number of tourists. At present, the state can attract larger number of tourists at home and abroad thanks to prevailing peace and tranquility.

Research papers on ancient Mottama city read

PAUNG, 25 Nov—With the assistance of Mon State government and Thanlwin Aye Co, a paper-reading session on ancient Mottama city of Paung Township was held at the hall of Mottama Basic Education High School on 10 November.

Chairman of the organizing committee Dr Min Nwe Soe made a speech. Resource persons Prof Dr Khin Saw Aung, Prof Daw Kym Swam, Daw Mya Mya Cho, Nan Kyi Khin Khaing and U San Win of Myanmar Historical Commission read their papers and replied to queries. The Mon State minister gave concluding remarks. Managing Director U Aung Kyaw Moe of Thanlin Aye Co presented gifts to resource persons.

Myanmar chess masters hope gold in SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov— Myanmar chess masters have set hopes for securing gold medals in the SEA Games, said Head of Office U Myo Zaw Min of Myanmar Chess Federation.

“We will take part in three events of Chess sports in the SEA Games. These events will be international chess, ASEA chess and traditional chess events. Eighteen gold medals will be awarded to the winners in the six events of international chess, five of ASEA chess and seven of traditional chess events,” said U Myo Zaw Min.

“We have chosen 15 male chess players and eight female players for the Myanmar chess team. They are now under training of Myanmar coaches. Myanmar chess team had won the medals, but not gold. Now, we have vowed to sweep gold medals in the games. So, they are now trying their best in the training,” he explained.

The chess event will be held at Zabuthiri Hotel from 11 to 21 December. Myanmar chess players will have the opportunities to win the medals as well as to have experiences.

Taking experience from the SEA Games, they will have to compete in the Asian and World level tournaments. That is why it is necessary to develop chess events in the nation to meet international standards.

SEA Games flags in a row around City Hall

YANGON, 25 Nov— As XXVII SEA Games is getting nearer, preparations of departments to host the games have been completed cent per cent. Meanwhile, archways and signboards have been erected in commemoration of the games in Yangon where some sports events will be hosted.

The flags were hoisted in front of the Yangon City Hall near Sule Pagoda and at front row and both left and right sides of Maha Bandoola Park.

Objectives of 93rd Anniversary National Day

(1) Uplift of national prestige and integrity and dynamism of Union spirit
(2) Promotion of national educational standards
(3) Perpetuation of independence and sovereignty
(4) Building of a new modern, developed nation
Israel says Iran nuclear deal a historic mistake

JERUSALEM, 25 Nov — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu denounced a nuclear deal with Iran as a historic mistake on Sunday that leaves the production of atomic weapons within Tehran’s reach and said Israel would not be bound by it.

Having lost its battle against easing sanctions, Israel appeared to be charting a new strategy; intense scrutiny by its intelligence services of Iran’s compliance with the interim agreement and lobbying for stronger terms in a final accord that world powers and the Islamic Republic are still pursuing.

The terms of the deal and re-engagement of the West with Iran, after a protracted, volatile standoff, are a setback for Netanyahu, who had demanded Iran be stripped of its nuclear enrichment capabilities altogether.

His military options in confronting Tehran now seem more limited and likely to risk Israel’s isolation. A grim-faced Netanyahu said in a statement in English after meeting his cabinet that Israel would not be bound by the accord.

“What was concluded in Geneva last night is not a historic agreement, it is a historic mistake,” he said.

“Today the world has become a much more dangerous place because the most dangerous regime in the world took a significant step towards obtaining the world’s most dangerous weapon.”

The United States said the agreement would arrest Iran’s most sensitive nuclear work, including the construction of the Arak research reactor, which is of special concern for the West as it could produce plutonium for bombs.

“Israel is threatened by what has been going on in Iran,” US Secretary of State John Kerry told CNN.

“But I believe that from this day — for the next six months — Israel is in fact safer than it was yesterday because we now have a mechanism by which we are going to expand the amount of time in which they (the Iranians) can break out (toward making a nuclear bomb),” Kerry said.

The deal provides for intrusive UN nuclear inspections and compels Iran to cease the stockpiling of uranium refined to a fissile concentration of 20 percent — a close step away from the level needed for weapons.

Iran, which says it is pursuing its nuclear programme for peaceful purposes only, also promised to stop uranium enrichment above a low fissile purity of 5 percent.

Netanyahu said those terms left Israel’s arch-enemy with little incentive down the line to dismantle its uranium-enriching centrifuges and plutonium reactor.

Reuters

German parties edge warily towards ‘grand coalition’ deal

BERLIN, 25 Nov — Angela Merkel’s conservatives and the Social Democrats (SPD) head into a decisive week of German coalition talks on track to form a government but under fire from their own members for a series of policy compromises.

The chancellor’s Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and of the Christian Social Union (CSU) attend coalition talks at the CDU headquarters in Berlin, on 21 Nov, 2013.—Reuters

Japanese prime minister steps down

FUCHU, (Japan), 25 Nov — Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida welcomed on Sunday the interim deal reached by the major nations including the United States on curbing Iran’s nuclear activities in return for the easing of sanctions imposed by Western countries.

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In return, the six parties, also including Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia, will remove the embargo on trade with Iran in precious metals while refraining from imposing new sanctions for six months.

KyoHo News

IAEA says P5+1 agreement with Iran ‘another important step forward’

VIENNA, 25 Nov — The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on Sunday welcomed the agreement reached between the P5+1 and Iran, saying it “another important step forward”.

The agreement between the P5+1 group, the five UN Security Council permanent members Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States plus Germany, and Iran on a joint action plan to be implemented over the next six months is another important step forward following the agreement reached between the Agency and Iran on 11 November in Teheran, said IAEA Director General Yukiya Amano in a statement.

“The Agency will be ready to fulfil its role in verifying the implementation of nuclear related measures,” said Amano.

After days of intensive negotiations, the P5+1 group and Iran reached a first-step agreement on Iran’s nuclear programme on Sunday morning.

According to the White House, in the agreement Iran has been committed to halting enrichment above 5 percent and neutralizing its stockpile of near-20 percent uranium by means of dilution or converting.

Furthermore, Iran has been committed not to installing more centrifuges, halting work at its plutonium reactor at Arak, and allowing IAEA inspectors’ daily access to its enrichment facilities at Natanz and Fordow, the White House said.

Reuters

Syria faces serious medicine shortage due to conflicts

DAMASCUS, 25 Nov — The Syrian market suffers a remarkable shortage in some kinds of drugs as most pharmaceutical laboratories in northern Syria are out of service. The Minister of Health Saad Naif told local media that 72 kinds of medicines are missing from the market given the economic sanctions on the country, the difficulty of access to certain hotspots, and the shutdown of many pharmaceutical laboratories.

He however stressed that the ministry is working to secure drugs through local plants and through the imports from some friendly countries and international organizations.

Despite the government’s assurances that the health sector is still bending well and that the output covers the people’s needs, drugs output fell worse than expected and several types of medicine are no longer present at pharmacies.

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Smoke rises due to clashes between Free Syrian Army fighters and forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad within Band 17 in Ras al, 23 Nov, 2013.—Reuters
Taxing times for Singapore as corporate strategy faces scrutiny

SINGAPORE, 25 Nov — Taxing times for Singapore as corporate strategy faces scrutiny. A staff of Japan Airlines’ (JAL) walks past one of the company’s Boeing Co’s 787 Dreamliners at Narita international airport in Narita, east of Tokyo, on 11 Nov, 2012. — Reuters

“Boeing and JAL share a commitment to the safety of passengers and crews on board our airplanes. We respect JAL’s decision to suspend some 787 service on specific routes,” a Boeing spokesman said. The move followed six incidents from April to November involving five 747-8s and one 787 when aircraft powered by GE’s GE9x engines suffered temporary loss of thrust while flying at high altitude. The problem was caused by a build-up of ice crystals, initially just behind the front fan, which ran through the engine, said a GE spokesman, adding that all of the aircraft landed at their planned destinations safely.

Boeing on Friday issued a notice prohibiting the affected aircraft from flying at high altitude with in 50 nautical miles of thunderstorms that may contain ice crystals. Japan Airlines said on Saturday it will replace Dreamliners on its Tokyo-Delhi and Tokyo-Sinapore flights with other types of aircraft while also dropping a plan to use 787s for its Tokyo-Sydney route from December. — Reuters

Boeing warns of engine icing risk on 747-8s, Dreamliners

SEATTLE / TOKYO, 25 Nov—Boeing (BA.N) advised airlines on Friday about a risk of engine icing problems on its new 747-8 and 787 Dreamliner planes with engines made by General Electric (GE.N), urging 15 carriers to avoid flying with engines made by General Electric’s GE9X engines. Boeing is already grappling with a string of problems with the new jet, which have led to delays and cancellations. The warning led Japan Airlines (9201.T) to pull some of its Boeing 787 Dreamliners from its network. — Reuters

People walk past a Hewlett-Packard (HP) stand during the Gulf Information and Technology Exhibition (GITEX) at the Dubai World Trade Centre in Dubai on 14 Oct, 2012. — Reuters

San Francisco, 25 Nov — Signs of rapidly worsening Chinese demand for IT giants IBM and Cisco Systems Inc are starting to spook Hewlett-Packard investors. HP’s year-long stock rally suffered last week amid fears a faster-than-anticipated slowdown in emerging markets, above all China, may dash the computing giant’s hopes for a return to growth in 2014 or beyond. Cisco has warned about crumbling Chinese demand. IBM last month reported a sales drop of over 20 percent in the world’s No 2 economy. Both also reported weak stock in other emerging markets as well, but it was China and concerns about sales to review the level of transparency in its tax incentive schemes and get stronger justifications from companies on their transfer pricing arrangements to fend off challenges from other jurisdictions. — Reuters

People line up to purchase the third generation iPad during its launch in Singapore in this 16 March, 2012 file photo. — Reuters

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CHINA, 25 Nov — HP may have yet another problem: China. The world’s fourth-largest maker of hearing aids, demonstrates the use of a device packed with blue-tooth-like technology that installed in the ear allows users to stream voice and music from their iPhones without the need for an intermediary device. Denmark’s expertise in sound technology can be traced back to 1904, when Williams Demant Holding Group was founded by Hans Demant, whose wife had a hearing disability. — Reuters

HP is already grappling with expectations of slowing US federal spending, a fundamental erosion of PC demand and unremitting competition from Lenovo and Dell. So it can ill afford a steeper-than-expected dropout in China, which is estimated to account for a fifth of HP’s revenue and is one of its most crucial growth markets. Investors are looking to the computing giant, which reports quarterly results on Tuesday, to shed more light on goings-on in the world’s largest PC market. “All the giant tech companies are somewhat at risk now. You have to worry if the other companies are going to report the same kind of thing in their fourth quarter,” said Peter Tuz, President of Chase Investment Counsel Corp in Virginia. Shares in HP, up 77 percent so far this year, have lost almost 5 percent in the week since Cisco blamed a dismal business outlook on deepening fallout from the Snowden revelations. — Reuters

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Commercial 4G to start on 18 December

BEIJING, 25 Nov — China will start commercial 4G mobile communications services on 18 December, bringing the most advanced telecommunications technology to the country’s more than 1 billion mobile users. China Mobile, the country’s No 1 mobile operator with over 700 million users, will start 4G services on that date with a new brand He, meaning harmonious in the Chinese language. China is expected to issue licences for 4G before the telco’s new services start. “It will be a national event and users are allowed to apply for 4G services without changing numbers,” said a Shanghai mobile official. Users in Beijing, Guangzhou and Chongqing will be the first to enjoy commercial 4G, or fourth generation, services. Shanghai, which is still building a citywide 4G network, will launch the services later.

Though China is the world’s biggest mobile phone market with more than 1 billion users on its mainland, it lacks the 4G technology that is used in some other countries and regions including the United States, South Korea, Japan, Singapore and Hong Kong. — Xinhua

Denmark targets iPhone generation to keep edge in hearing aids

COPENHAGEN, 25 Nov—Tiny Denmark, with fewer than 6 million people, supplies half the world’s hearing aids, and local makers aim to advance that commanding position as baby boomers and the iPhone generation age. GN Store Nord, headquartered in Ballerup, near Copenhagen, has a product it hopes will strike that demographic — famously averse to accepting the degradations of age — by taking the stigma out of wearing an aid.

An employee of GN, the world’s fourth-largest maker of hearing aids, demonstrates the use of ReSound LINX in Vienna on 22 Nov, 2013. — Reuters

The world’s fourth-largest maker has collaborated with Apple Inc to develop a device packed with blue-tooth-like technology that installed in the ear allows users to stream voice and music from their iPhones without the need for an intermediary device. Denmark’s expertise in sound technology can be traced back to 1904, when Williams Demant Holding Group was founded by Hans Demant, whose wife had a hearing disability. — Reuters

Several sources in the country’s media said the government had received 14.9 billion revenue in the 12 months to September 2012 — more than it would have received had the country’s entity, booked $14.9 billion in revenue.

Apple South Asia Pte Ltd, however, its Singapore entity, booked $14.9 billion in revenue for the 12 months to September 2012 — more than it would have received had the country’s entity, booked $14.9 billion in revenue.

United Airlines, an arm of United Airlines Group, is considered a key hub for its Asia business.
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**Chinese Commerce Minister Gao Hucheng attends a news conference with European Union Trade Commissioner Karel de Gucht (not pictured) at the Chinese Ministry of Commerce in Beijing, on 21 June, 2013. — Reuters**

**Indians of units of Pfizer and Wyeth to merge**

**MUMBAI, 25 Nov — Pfizer Ltd (PFEZ.NS), the Indian unit of US drug maker Pfizer Inc (PFE.N), is to take over local affiliate Wyeth Ltd (WLEDS.NS), they said on Saturday after their boards approved the deal. The freshers of Wyeth will get seven Pfizer Ltd shares for every 10 shares held, requiring the issue of approximately 5.9 million new Wyeth shares, it said.

Wyeth Ltd has a market capitalization of about $294 million and is already owned 51.12 percent by Pfizer Inc, which in turn owns 63.57 percent of Pfizer Ltd, which has a market capitalization of $681 million. Pfizer and Wyeth also announced on Saturday they would pay interim dividends of 360 rupees and 145 rupees per share share respectively.

Apart from the Indian business Pfizer Inc bought rival Wyeth in 2009, leaving their Indian units with separate stock market listings. Bank of America Merrill Lynch (BAC.N) and Citigroup (C.N) were advisors to Pfizer and Wyeth respectively, the statement added. — Reuters

**BEIJING, 25 Nov —** Commerce Minister Gao Hucheng denounced the United States as “irresponsible” on Sunday after Washington accused China of jeopardizing a deal that aims to stop tariffs on technology products, saying Washington had disappointed participants in the talks.

US Trade Representative Michael Froman said on Thursday that China’s demands to exempt more than 100 products from a technology trade deal risked leading to a breakdown in the negotiations.

“It is irresponsible for the US to discard the consensus that has been agreed by most of the countries only because the deal cannot meet its own requirement for several products,” Gao said in a statement emailed to Reuters. He said, he had pushed forward negotiations to expand the Information Technology Agreement (ITA) and proven its willingness to improve its offer several times during the talks.

Gao said US demands far exceeded what was acceptable to Chinese companies.

The US is unwilling to make any necessary concessions and has turned a blind eye to the big differences between Chinese and US firms, ignoring the appeals by the Chinese side,” he said. He said due account should be taken of the different levels of development of the countries involved in the negotiations. European Trade Commissioner Karel de Gucht last week said China’s demands were the main outstanding issue in the talks. — Reuters

**After the low-cost airline, the poor man’s private jet**

**DUBAI, 25 Nov —** The Dubai Airshow produced a host of deals for the world’s biggest and flashiest jets this week, but for those unable to afford a $400-million A380 superjumbo there is always an alternative — the poor man’s private jet.

Making its debut on the tarmac at the Middle East’s largest aerospace event was what its supplier described as the world’s first “re-manufactured” business jet, designed for VIPs on a budget.

Ohio-based Nextant Aerospace takes small business jets that may be 10-20 years old and near retirement, rips them apart and re-sells them with new avionics, engines and interiors.

“We’re solving the problem of the industry,” Nextant’s president Sean McGeough said in front of a rebuilt BeechJet 400, gutted and offered for sale “as new” at $5 million.

That’s a fraction of the $25 million that super-rich customers can spend simply on the interior of some of the luxury converted jetliners displayed this week.”

There’s about a year-and-a-half inventory back-log (of older jets) on the market. Until that inventory starts selling, new aircraft sale will not rebound,” McGeough told Reuters in an interview. Five years on from a credit crunch that badly hurt the industry, manufacturers of small business jets are only now speaking of shoots of recovery, lagging far behind a rebound in the global equity and US housing markets. Plentiful second-hand jets are cramping demand for new aircraft, keeping prices of small, light and re-sells them with new windows.

**Amid holiday canned-food drives, US food banks take up farming**

**GLENMORE, (Pennsylvania), 25 Nov —** Surrounded by rows of kale and collard greens, Bill Shick ticks off statistics about yields and the man-hours it takes to harvest the leafy green vegetables. What he can’t tell you is what he would choose to eat, he says.

It will all be given away by the Chester County Food Bank in its efforts to grow food for the needy.

The fresh produce programme gives low-sodium, low-sugar foods to the poorest Americans year-round, including during the holiday season often associated with canned-food drives.

“We picked a thousand pounds this weekend and we’ll do another thousand next week,” Shick, the food bank’s agricultural director said, while standing in a greenhouse where the programme grows seedlings in a suburban Philadelphia park. Chester County is among about 20 food banks across the country that have started their own farms to boost healthier eating by the needy, said Domenic Vitiello, a University of Pennsylvania professor who has studied food pantry agricultural operations.

Low-income Americans are a demographic often plagued by diet-related ailments such as diabetes and heart disease. Chester County Food Bank opened about five years ago, springing from the ashes of a similar programme that relied on nearby Amish farmers.

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**In the traditional Chinese medical theory, organ donation registers**

**Chester County Food Bank agricultural director Bill Shick examines young lettuce plants growing in a hydroponic bed in a greenhouse, where the programme grows seedlings, in suburban Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 21 Nov, 2013. — Reuters**

**Hong Kong records over 137,000 organ donation registers**

**HONG KONG, 25 Nov —** Hong Kong has recorded over 137,000 organ donation registers, and the government will continue its promotion and education work, to encourage more people to join the league. Hong Kong’s Director of Health Constance Chan said here on Saturday the Centralized Organ Donation Register (CODR), which aims to encourage the public to register their wish to donate organs after death, celebrated its fifth anniversary in the city Saturday. Addressing the ceremony, Chan said over 137,000 CODR registers were recorded as of November 2013, in contrast to about 8,800 when celebrating the third anniversary of the CODR in 2011.

Meanwhile, the total number of fans recorded in the traditional Chinese version of the “Organ Donation@HK” Facebook fanpage had surged to over 10,000, Chan said, adding both achievements were “impressive.” According to recent surveys conducted by the Department of Health, over 95 percent of respondents aged from 18 to 64 reported that they would not object to their family members donating organs after death if they had previously expressed their willingness. In addition, over 60 percent of respondents expressed a willingness to donate their organs after death. The CODR enables the Hospital Authority’s transplant coordinators to affirm organ donors’ wish and approach their family members at the critical moment, so that the transplant coordinators can arrange to carry out light and examination operations in order to benefit more patients in urgent need of organ donation. — Xinhua

**Pedestrians walk past the world headquarters of Pfizer in New York on 5 Nov, 2013. — Reuters**

**A guest descends from a Nextant Aerospace 400XT aircraft at the Shanghai International Business Aviation Show at the Hongqiao International Airport in Shanghai on 16 April, 2013 file photo. — Reuters**
Climate talks conclude, urging nations to put forward “contributions”

WARSAW, 25 Nov — The UN climate change conference in Warsaw ended on Saturday after participating nations agreed to present voluntary reduction targets for greenhouse gas emissions and how they will prepare for them hope-fully by the end of March 2015. Nations able to do so are being called on to put forward their “contribu-tions” by the first quarter of 2015 to give time for a review before a meeting at the end of the year, at which a new framework for fighting global warming is ex-pected to be adopted. It will take effect in 2020. During the 19th ses-sion of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, Japan an-nounced its new target of slashing greenhouse gas emissions by 3.8 percent in fiscal 2020 from fiscal 2005 levels. The revised goal has drawn international criti-cism as it represents an in-crease of about 3 percent in emissions from fiscal 1990, compared with the previous target of cutting emissions by 25 percent by fiscal 2020 from fiscal 1990 levels. Japan has cited in de-fence of the new target the challenge caused by the 2011 nuclear accident at the Fukushima Daiichi plant, which left most of the country’s atomic power plants offline. Under the new deal reached in the Pol-ish capital, Japan needs to compile a new reduction tar-get for after 2020 in roughly one year.—Kyodo News

Mali election marred by low turnout and vote abuses

BAMAKO, 25 Nov — Low turnout and vote abuses marred on Sunday elections meant to complete democratic transition in Mali, after a coup last year led to an Islamist take-over of the north that was crushed by French military intervention. Officials said armed men carried off ballot boxes from some bureaux in the Timbuktu region of northern Mali, preventing some people from casting their votes in the legislative poll. It was not immediately clear who was responsible. The Western African country has suffered a surge in Islamist violence since the President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita was elected in Au-gust in a vote that marked a return to democracy after the March 2012 coup. The military putsch plunged Mali into chaos and allowed al-Qaeda-linked fighters to seize the northern two-thirds of the country. France launched a massive military opera-tion in January that has pushed the Islamists from northern towns, but isolated cells have remained active. Vote counting began after some 25,000 bureaux across the country closed at 1800 GMT. Only a fraction of the 6.7 million people registered to vote appeared to have cast their ballot and there was no sign of the long queues of voters that marked the presiden-tial vote. “Compared to the presidential elections the turnout was very weak. In my bureau, we didn’t even get a third of the voters,” said Oumar Samake, presi-dent of a voting bureau in Bamako. “Political parties have to do more to inform their voters.”—Reuters

Region will lose sleep over Iran deal

RIYADH, 25 Nov — People in the Middle East will lose sleep over a nuclear deal between global powers and Iran, a Saudi foreign policy adviser said on Sunday, signaling the deep unease Sunni Muslim Gulf states have over West-ern rapprochement with their Shi’ite foe. At the time the adviser spoke, Saudi Arabia had not officially responded to news of the deal under which Western countries will ease sanctions in return for curbs on Iran’s nuclear programme. Riyadh has frequently called for Wash-ington to maintain a tough line with Teheran. Abdullah al-Askar, chairman of the foreign af-fairs committee in Saudi Arabia’s appointed Shoura Council, a quasi-parliament that advises the government on policy, stressed that he had no knowledge of his government’s official re-sponse but was personally worried. “I am afraid Iran will give up something on to get something else from the big powers in terms of regional politics. And I’m worry-ing about giving Iran more em-pace or a freer hand in the region,” he said. “The government of Iran, month after month, has proven that it has an ugly agenda in the region, and in this regard no one in the region will sleep and assume things are going smoothly,” Askar said. In the hours before Sunday’s deal was sealed, Gulf Arab leaders, includ-ing Saudi King Abdullah and the rulers of Qatar and Kuwait, met late on Satur-day night to discuss “issues of interest to the three na-tions”. The Gulf Arab rulers, all Sunni Muslims, are en-emies of Shi’ite Iran, which backs Syria’s President Bashar al-Assad in a civil war in which they back the rebels. They have accused Teheran of fomenting un-rest in a range of countries including Yemen, Bahrain, Lebanon and Iraq. Iran de-nies such meddling.

China launches sweeping probe as Sinopec blast toll rises

SHANGHAI, 25 Nov — China has launched a broad investigation into safety at oil and gas pipelines, state media reported on Monday, as the death toll from an ex-plosion at a Sinopec pipe-line last week rose to 52. The blast at the eastern oil hub of Qingdao on Fri-day was China Petroleum & Chemical Corp’s (Sinopec) deadliest known acci-dent and is one of the worst publicly reported industrial disasters in China this year. State media reported the toll rose from 35 to 52 on Sunday after President Xi Jinping visited the city to examine rescue efforts and meet victims. In an announcement to the Shanghai stock ex-change on Monday, Sin-opc said it was cooper-ating with a government investigation into the acci-dent. It said operations were normal and oil supply was stable. The official Xinhua News Service reported that Xi had ordered sweeping safety checks on the oil and gas pipeline network. “A large-scale work safety check should be launched ... with inspectors going deep into the produc-tion sites anonymously and unannounced,” the report quoted Xi as saying.

Egypt’s government bans protests without police approval

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SAGAING, 25 Nov—Workshop on collecting regional statistics for urban development in Sagaing was held at the meeting hall of Township General Administration Department in Sagaing on 20 November.

At the ceremony, Region Development Affairs Minister U Tin Hlaing Myint made a speech and Chairman of Sagaing Townselder Committee U Zaw Win discussed matters related to regional statistics for urban development.

Then, German Researcher Dr. Jor Mdyram Harg explained his research works with the use of projector and gave clarifications on discussion of those present.

The Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development under the Ministry of Construction and Cologne University from Germany jointly made a field trip to collect regional statistics for urban development in Sagaing.

It was attended by the researchers from Germany, officials of the department, chairman and members of Sagaing Townselder Committee, members of Township Supportive Committee, departmental staff and faculty members.

The groups will make field trips in the towns above 0.1 million people such as Taunggyi, Mawlamyne, Sagaing and Pyay to carry out regional development tasks. The workshop runs from 18 to 22 November.—Kyemon-Htwe Myint Naing-Sagaing

Tourists enjoy Mandalay Hill sunset

MANDALAY, 25 Nov—There were many streams of tourists who enjoyed the sunset from Mandalay Hill, some 776-foot high above the sea level. It takes its so name “Mandalay Hill” as it is surrounded by the nine satellite hills called the Shwe Taung (The Golden Hill), the Ngwe Taung (the Silver Hill), the Paddamya Taung (the Ruby Hill), the Hse-dan Taung (the Hill of Arsenous trisulphide), the Myin Thila Taung (the Hill of Arsenic trisulphide), the Dokhta Hill (the Hill of Blue vitriol), the Ye-hle Taung (the Hill of Whirlig Water), the Kye-ni Hill (the Copper Hill) and the Balama Taung (the Hill of the Ogress).

“The tourists came here to enjoy the natural beauty of the Mandalay therefore the summit of the hill was always full of them,” said a member of Mandalay Hill Pagoda Board of Trustees. The fame of the hill began to spread far and near when U Khanti, a great hermit, started building religious structures including covered stairways all over the hill in 1269 ME.

Kyemon-Than Zaw Min (Mandalay)

A flock of tourists enjoying panoramic sunset view from Mandalay Hill.

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**Vice-President …**

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will host Indonesian, Malaysian, Filipino, Singaporean and Thai yachting teams together with Myanmar team from 11 to 20 December. Myanmar yachting team has a goal for three gold medals at least in the event in which 13 gold medals will be awarded in 13 games. In the afternoon, the Vice-President and party looked into preparations for athlete reception, arrival visa and ID card issue and transport at Yangon International Airport. Union Minister U Nyan Tun Aung and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe conducted them round the preparations.

Next, the Vice-President left instructions on transport and security matters. On his arrival at Mandalay International Airport, the Vice-President inspected preparations for reception at the airport and progress of Mandalay Thiri Stadium that will host World Cup football matches. In his address at a coordination meeting for successful holding of the SEA Games, the Vice-President stressed the need of collaborative efforts for holding the Women’s football tournament in Mandalay and necessary measures for enabling spectators to enjoy the matches joyfully. He also called for participation of the entire people in the historic sporting event.

Next, Union Minister U Tint Hsan and Yangon Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Hlaing explained preparations for accommodation, training and health care.

After hearing reports, the Vice-President fulfilled the requirements and cordially greeted women footballers. Women’s Football Tournament of the 27th SEA Games in which Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam will be competing together with the host country will be held at Mandalay Thiri Stadium in Mandalay from 10 to 20 December. The Vice-President and party arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw in the evening. —MNA

**Prolongation of laws that are fair and acceptable imperative**

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann cordially greets those attendees.—MNA

—Parliamentary process is progressing without focusing on party attachment, dogmatism, regionalism, racism and religion, said Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann in Social Zone… (from page 16)

guests, judges, juries, athletes and sports fans who are going to participate in the 27th SEA Games.

Participants can purchase souvenirs and a variety of traditional foods of inter-meeting with parliamentarians, responsible persons of political parties, township development supportive committees and social organizations, departmental officials and local people at Thiri Khittaya Yadana Hall in Pyay yesterday. He nationalized the at the zone equipped with Automated Teller Machines (ATM) that accept Master Card, Maestro, Cirrus, Union Pay, VISA and PLUS for cash withdrawal, donating, paying bills and taking out mini statements.—MNA

also called on local people to express their desires for regional development in a free and open manner.

After hearing reports on undertakings for regional development presented by Bago Region Chief Minis-ter U Nyan Win, officials and local people, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker said the joint committee for reviewing the Constitution is undertaking necessary measures for constitutional amendment without hampering peace and stability, national unity and momentum of democratization. He continued that every task is to be implemented in accord with the law. He called for enactment of laws that the people can accept and follow in a fair and just manner while carrying out amending, abolishing and making new laws. He said that works are in progress to pass National Races Protection Law after the parliament passed the law to protect the farmer’s rights and to improve their interest.

After the meeting, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker cordially greeted those present.—MNA

**Two suspects arrested with narcotic drugs**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov—Acting on a tip-off, an anti-drug squad yesterday arrested Ma Phyo Yadana Ko (a) Yammihoko, 12, daughter of U Yan Kwan Hoke, along with 1.5 kilos of raw opium and 600 stimulant tablets, worth K 2,420,000 after a search at the house of U Yan Kwan Hoke in Monlaung Village in Namkhgam Township in Shan State.

The squad also arrested Yan Shaug Pha (a) Yan Lauk San, 38, son of U Yan Kwan Yu, as they found 392,040 stimulant tablets kept in a box in his house and 5.94 kilos of heroin powder kept in a polyethylene bag, worth K 89.6.94 million. Action is being taken against the suspects under the law.—Myawady

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**Public announcement for extension of GSM/UMTS radio stations in Nay Pyi Taw Area**

1. Myanma Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology has been distributing and selling low-priced mobile phones to the people monthly under the arrangement of the State/Region governments.
2. MPT has been constantly carrying out installation of new equipment, extension and upgrading by adopting the projects for convenience of mobile phone users,
3. Out of the projects, installation of new equipment, adjustment of machines and trial running for 50 radio stations installed in Nay Pyi Taw according to GSM/UMTS Extension Project, will be conducted at the following radio stations between 5:30 am to 9:30 am from 27 November to 6 December. The public are in-formed in advance that temporary shortage of contact and call difficulties would be occurred during that period.


Ottarathiri Township Ottarathiri and Dekkhinathiri Townships Ottarathiri, Pobbathiri and Pyinmana Townships Ottarathiri, Pobbathiri and Tatkon Townships Zeyathiri, Pyinmana and Pobbathiri Townships Zeyathiri and Tatkon Townships

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**Chart collective path towards an open and inclusive society**

As it is known to all, Myanmar is undertaking a series of reforms aimed at political liberalization, peace building and economic development with national reconciliation high on the agenda. What seemed impossible before is now possible, but we must turn what is possible now into something enduring. To this end, we need to chart a collective path towards a society that is open, inclusive, tolerant and respectful of individual dignity.

At such a time, we firmly believe that those among prisoners who were in various prisons for contravening existing laws, who do not pose a threat to national security, public peace and tranquility and national interest, should be given amnesty to enable them to take part in whatever way they can in nation-building tasks.

In the interest of ensuring peace and national unity, to enable an inclusive political process and on grounds of humanitarian consideration, the President granted an amnesty for 69 prisoners who were in the list of the committee for scrutinizing the remaining political prisoners in accordance with Section 204 (a) of the Constitution and Subsection (i), Section 401 of Code of Criminal Procedure on 15 November.

We welcome the release of prisoners and greatly appreciate the magnanimity shown by the President, and we also feel that the release of those prisoners fulfills the expectations by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and some western countries. Meanwhile, in view of the President’s magnanimity, we would like to strongly urge those who have been released to peacefully take part in whatever way they can in building national unity and a democratic State.

The way in which a person may view the pace of the political progress and the reforms depends on his or her political view, perspective and norms. Whatever it is, the analysis of the recent political discussions and debates on the Constitution suggests that democratic practices have begun to take shape in our society, and it is our national duty to do everything we can to make sure that these democratic practices are consolidated and become deeply rooted in our society.
A Study on the Nativity of Venerable Buddhaghosa

Dr. Saw Mra Aung

Ven. Buddhaghosa was the greatest commentator of Pali texts. His magnum opus “Visudhamaggas” (The Pathway to Purity) and other commentaries on the canonical texts are regarded as authoritative in the Buddhist literary circle. He is also said to have lived in the region of the texts and their commentators, together with a copy of Kaccayana, from Sri Lanka to Thaton and thence introduced Myanmar code of Manu into Myanmar. Most of Myanmar and Mon chronicles firmly maintain that he was of Mon origin and a native of Thaton. But some local and foreign scholars have also suggested that he could have been a Brahman from Golamati, he was a native of Thaton, assumption, Forchhammer he might have been a native of Vaddhamapura (Thaton). An Village, not far from Sudra-tery. The drink”. The Talaing tradition of Buddhaghosa after the fact Kesiya manic lady named “ and a Brahman named “Kesi” and a Brah- manic lady named “Kestua”. The Sasanalanka Saran and the Buddhaghosoppu- sa and the Sasanabahusutappa- kassana Kyun describe that Buddhaghosa was a native of Ghosa village near the Ma Ba. Doda river in Tree Buddha Gay in Majhi-hamesan. They men tion his parents a Brahman named “Kesi” and a Brah manic lady named “Kestua”. The Sasanavamsa states that he was known by the name of Buddhaghosa after the fact that his birth took place at the time when the Brahmans were mutated with other people “Please eat and please drink”. The Talaging tradition asserts that he was a Brahman born in Thaton and was an inmate of Kelasa Moun sery. The author of the Sasanalanka Saran, a Brahman, returned to India and make all-out ef forts to revitalize Theravada Buddhism with there. With this point, Eliot mentions in his work that “If the Buddhaghosa’s object was to inv igorate Hinayanaism (Thera vada) in India, the result of his really stupendous labours was singularly small, for in India his name is connected with no religious move ments. If we suppose that he went to Sri Lan ka by way of the holy place Sumanbhumi (now Bihari) and return from Coromandel coast of Madras to Burma (Myanmar) where Hi nayanism (Theravada) afterwards flourished, we have at least a coherent narrative...” This excerpt implies that if Buddhaghosa was a native of India, he would make re lentless efforts to revive Theravada Buddhism and his contributions to Buddhism would have been recorded in the history of India. How ever, his contributions to Buddhism are not found recorded in the religious history of India. So he can hardly be a native of India. But, anyway, the following evidence will help to decide which country may be his nativity.

Generally, it is known that Theravada Buddhism declined gradually in In dia after the death of King Srihdammasoka. His succes sors were not Buddhists. King Sunga, who occupied the throne in the 301st year of religion after assassinating “Vihadatta”, the last king of the Matryan Dynasty, was a staunch follower of Brahmanism. Afterwards, Theravada Buddhism had gradually disappeared in India. In about the 5th century A.D., Therav ada Buddhism might have been exterminated but only Mahayana Buddhism had flourished in India. It is, therefore, impossible that Buddhaghosa, an erudite monk of the 5th century well versed in Tipitaka, came from India.

Buddhaghosa, in his Anguttaranikaya Atthapatti, also portrays the oceanic Journey of Buddhaghosa (as he first went to India from Gaya to the harbour of Bhangari in Daccan and thenceforth proceeded to Sri Lanka. The First Rajavam sa writes that he embarked at Pathon, crossed over to Tamralipti port on the eastern coast of India and went on to Majjhima-desa on the Gangitic route and on his arrival there, he had drawn his chariot even near Bodhi-tree near the Neran cara River, the Pupparama Monastery, etc. Then he retraced the same route and went back to India. He is supposed that Buddhaghosa, while staying at Gaya, learnt Maghada language.

There are also some controversies over return journey of Majjhima-desa Buddhaghosa says that he went back to Jambudipa. The Sasanalanka Saran states that he went back to Thaton and brought Tipitaka and their commentaries compiled by Bud dhaghosa to pay homage to the Mahabodhi. This extract leads to think that if he was the native of Majjhima-desa, the writer of the Caluvamsa would not mention that he went to Majjhima-desa to pay homage to the Mahabodhi but that he should have mentioned that he belonged to his native land. All in all, conclusive evidence proving the nativity of Buddhaghosa have not been discovered so far. But the conclusions of the researches prima facie evidence convinc ing us that he was the native of Thaton and brought Tipitaka and their commentaries which gave much impetus to flourishing of Theravada Bud dhism in Myanmar.

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**Italy president says Berlusconi must obey law, can’t pardon him**

**Rome, 25 Nov —** Italy’s president on Sunday rejected Silvio Berlusconi’s call for a pardon over his conviction for tax fraud and told the centre-right leader he must stay within the law in his protests if he is expelled from parliament this week. A statement from President Giorgio Napolitano’s office said the four times prime minister had not only failed to behave in a way that might have made a pardon possible, but had “expressed judgments and intentions of extreme gravity.”

On Wednesday the Senate will vote on whether the 77-year-old Berlusconi should lose his seat, after he was found guilty in August of masterminding a complex and illegal system to reduce the tax bill of his media company Mediaset.

Napolitano was responding to a demand by Berlusconi on Saturday that the head of state should grant him a pardon without him even formally having to ask for one.

Berlusconi appealed to Berlusconi “not to conduct protests which go outside the limits of respect for the institutions and for normal, necessary legality,” the statement said.

On Saturday Berlusconi told an assembly of supporters of his Forza Italia (Go Italy!) party that his expulsion from parliament would be a “coup d’etat.”

**The party plans street protests on the day of the vote, which is expected to go against the billionaire media tycoon who has always protested his innocence. Prime Minister Enrico Letta’s Democratic Party and the anti-establishment 5-Star Movement are both in favour of his expulsion, and together they have a clear Senate majority.**

In early August a Milan court sentenced Berlusconi to four years in prison, commuted to a year under house arrest or in community service. Berlusconi is expected to withdraw his party from the ruling coalition if he is expelled from parliament, but Letta is virtually sure to maintain a majority thanks to a breakaway centre-right group which has defected from Berlusconi’s ranks. **Reuters**

**Bulgaria to decide on third nuclear reactor by end of year**

**Sofia, 25 Nov —** The Bulgarian government will take a decision on the construction of a third reactor at its sole nuclear power plant Kozloduy, using US technology, by the end of the year, its energy minister said on Saturday.

The Balkan country has hired Westinghouse to prepare a proposal for the new reactor, having shelved plans to build a new 2,000-MW plant at Belene on the Danube after failing to attract foreign investors to the 10-billion-euro project.

“Bulgarian and American officials have discussed the construction of a new nuclear power plant project at Kozloduy,” Energy Minister Dragomir Stoynev told reporters after returning from a visit to the United States.

“The size of the investment needs to be established. We expect that a financial model will be drawn up within six months.”

Stoynev said he was preparing a report on the subject to be submitted to Prime Minister Plamen Oresharski for approval, adding that construction could begin in 2016 and would last at least four years.

He said the US Eximbank had expressed readiness to finance up to 70 percent of the project and Bulgaria planned to keep nuclear energy as one of the key sources in its mix of power sources. Bulgaria is one of the few European Union counties pursuing new reactor projects in the wake of the Fukushima disaster in Japan in 2011 and Germany’s move to phase out nuclear power. **Reuters**

**15 killed, 21 wounded in violent attacks in Iraq**

**Baghdad, 25 Nov —** At least 15 people were killed and 21 others wounded in violent attacks in Iraq on Sunday, police said.

Two Iraqi soldiers were killed in an attack by unidentified gunmen at an army checkpoint in the Banoos neighbourhood of northeastern Mosul, 400 km north of Baghdad, a police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Unidentified gunmen assassinated Mohammed al-Hamdani, a traffic police officer, in front of his home in southern Mosul, while another policeman was killed in an armed attack at a police checkpoint in western Mosul, the source said. An Iraqi soldier was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in eastern Mosul, while a driver was killed when a roadside bomb hit his truck in Shura area, 40 km south of Mosul, the police source said.

An Iraqi man and his wife were injured when a roadside bomb exploded near their house in western Mosul, he added.

Also on Sunday, one civilian was killed and four others were wounded when a roadside bomb exploded in a popular market in the Shaab area of northeastern Baghdad, while three people were injured when a roadside bomb went off in the Ghalayzai district of western Baghdad, the source said.

Earlier in the day, four people were killed and six others wounded in separate bombings and shootings in Iraq, police said. In Iraq’s Salahuddin Province, an, gunman who works for a local electricity department was killed and three of the department’s employees were wounded when gunmen attacked their car near the city of Balad, some 80 km north of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. **Xinhua**

**Third body recovered, one missing after floods in Rhodes**

**Athens, 25 Nov —** Rescue workers on Rhodes recovered on Sunday the body of a man, the third victim of the major flooding which hit the southeastern Aegean island on Friday, as search continues for another missing person.

The 67-year-old man was the husband of one of the two women who died during the torrential heavy rainfall, authorities said.

Local officials believe that the couple was swept away by water near an overflown river.

The missing person is a teacher who was stranded in a car with two of his colleagues. One of them was saved and a 27-year-old woman drowned.

According to early estimates, the storm, which caused major floods in several parts of Rhodes has left behind material damages to houses, stores and infrastructure reaching up to 5 million euros (6.8 million US dollars.)

Weather conditions improved during the weekend, but as Greek meteorologists forecast new intense storms from Monday, authorities are examining precautionary measures. Parts of the island have already been placed in a state of emergency. **Xinhua**

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**Honduras ruling party candidate leads presidential election**

**Tegucigalpa, 25 Nov —** Honduras’ ruling party candidate Juan Orlando Hernandez is leading on Sunday’s presidential election, according to the country’s electoral authority.

Hernandez garnered 34.97 percent of the counted vote, while his main rival Xiomara Castro gained 28.36 percent, the electoral board reported.

As there were only 24 percent of ballots tallied, no winner had been declared yet, the electoral authority said. **Xinhua**

**Four dead, one injured in Oklahoma home shooting**

**Houston, 25 Nov —** A gunman shot five people at a home in Tulsa, Oklahoma late Saturday, killing four of them and injuring the fifth, police said.

Police sources were quoted by the Tulsa World as saying on Sunday that the five people were found at the garage area, two of them already dead at the time. Among the rest, two died later in hospital while the third, a man in his 50s, was still in serious condition.

The killer hasn’t been identified and was still at large. **Xinhua**
Japan to launch taskforce to boost Mekong-bound medical exports

Tokyo, 25 Nov — The Japanese government is planning to set up a taskforce later this week to promote exports of medical technologies and services to five Mekong basin countries in Southeast Asia, government sources said on Monday. The entity involving both public and private sectors will be tasked with accelerating exports of Japan’s advanced medical facilities and insurance system to Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar and Laos as part of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s economic growth strategy, they said.

Tokyo aims to sign a memorandum of understanding on expanding cooperation in the medical sector with the five Mekong countries when it hosts a special summit between Japan and the 10 Association of Southeast Asian Nations plus Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines and Singapore.

The taskforce will consist of officials from Japan’s foreign and economy, trade and industry ministries, as well as hospital managers and representatives from insurance companies and medical equipment manufacturers, according to the sources.

Medical strategies are not high in some of the five Mekong nations and a Foreign Ministry source pointed out that there is room for Japanese firms to meet increasing medical needs there. The policy of expanding medical service exports to those Southeast Asian countries is also aimed at countering China’s influence in the nations, the sources said.

China’s medical aid to the Mekong nations is focused on financing and the construction of facilities and does not cover services such as insurance, an aide to Abe said. When Abe visited Phnom Penh earlier this month, he told Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen that Japan will launch a hospital providing emergency care in Cambodia in March 2015. The Japanese government will also supply medicines and medical equipment to the Mekong nations and is also set to support training of doctors and other medical workers and provide know-how on hospital management in Laos and help establish hospitals in Myanmar.

— Kyodo News

Nearly 1 mln sit national civil servant exam

Beijing, 25 Nov — As many as 990,000 candidates took the National Public Servant Exam on Sunday, a decrease of 130,000 from last year, according to the State Administration of Civil Service.

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One out of 51 exam takers will succeed in gaining a post this year, according to the statement.

The annual exam includes an aptitude test and a written policy essay, and those who pass the written exam will make it to the interview round.

The popularity of the exam has been attributed to mounting pressures in finding employment, fairness of the test, and the attractiveness of civil servant jobs, which are stable and respected.

Statistics from the administration showed that there were 7,089 million civil servants in China by the end of 2012.

20,000 evacuated to shelters as volcano threat rises to highest in Indonesia

Jakarta, 25 Nov — About 12,000 people from villages on the mountainside of Mount Sinabung volcano in North Sumatra have fled homes since Sunday, bringing the total internally displaced persons to nearly 20,000 as the volcano erupted again, officials said on Monday.

Bowo Asa, senior official at the disaster management and mitigation agency at North Sumatra, told Xinhua over phone that about 12,000 people living in more than 10 villages had been evacuated since Sunday to government camps, while more than 6,000 others fled to the shelters previously.

The 2,475-metre high Mount Sinabung belched a column of dark ash 1,500 meters high on Sunday, leading the authorities to step up the alert status to the highest, Surono, head of national volcanology agency, said.

“Hot ash spreads 1,000 metres toward southeast of the crater,” he told Xinhua via phone. That led the agency extend the evacuation zone to 5 kilometres from the fiery crater, from 3 kilometres earlier, said Surono.

Indonesia has issued a warning to international and domestic flights to route pathway near Mount Sinabung since the volcano erupted on 18 November, the biggest eruption since the volcano first rumbled back to life in September after being dormant for three years. Mount Sinabung has erupted intermittently since then.

Transport Ministry spokesman Bambang Ervan had earlier said the volcanic ash of the volcano was found by up to 25,000 meters high into the air, endangering flights.

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Philipine helicopter carrying relief goods crashes in Manila bay

Manila, 25 Nov — A private Philippine helicopter carrying relief goods crashed into the Manila Bay on Sunday afternoon, local media reported.

The chopper crashed about 18 nautical miles northwest of North Harbor in Manila bay, near Balapan, radio dzBB quoted Philippine Coast Guard as saying.

The pilot and a passenger of the aircraft have been rescued by US Marines and were uninjured.

The chopper was said to ship relief goods for typhoon victims.

Five girls drown in irrigation tank in India

New Delhi, 25 Nov — Five schoolgirls drowned on Sunday in an irrigation tank near Arupukottai in Virudhunagar district of the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, around 2,700 km away from here.

The girls, all aged between 10 and 12 years, ventured into the deep end of the tank and were sucked under as they did not know swimming, police said.

Xinhua

A wounded man receives medical examination on China’s navy hospital ship Peace Ark at Leyte Gulf in Philippines, on 24 Nov, 2013. — Xinhua

Villagers carry their belongings as they walk to an evacuation centre, as Mount Sinabung spews ash to the skies above, at Amun Teran village in Karo district, Indonesia’s North Sumatra Province, on 24 Nov, 2013. — Reuters

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Philippines watch on climate change after typhoon devastation

MANILA, 25 Nov.—The Philippines, a country ravaged by a variety of natural disasters each year, voiced its full support for the campaign against climate change on Sunday.

Presidential Communications Operation Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr said in an interview at a weekend radio programme that the country had started implementing its comprehensive long-term plan and strategy for climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Coloma said one specific campaign under the climate change adaptation and mitigation programme is the reduction of the gas emission in the country that accompanied typhoon Yolanda and devastated several provinces in the Philippines.

Philippine President Benigno Aquino III instructed Environment Secretary Ramon Paje to devise a comprehensive environment protection program to minimize the impact of storm surges, flooding and calamities following the devastation of Yolanda.

Aquino also ordered Paje to impose a rule prohibiting building commercial and residential structures along the seashore and to ensure the immediate planting of mangrove, which serves as a natural protection against big waves, Coloma said.

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Roma have no special insight with Chinese investors

Roma: 25 Nov — Roma President James Pallotta stated on Friday that he has “no special insight” in talks with potential Chinese investors.

Chinese businessmen were reported to be interested in buying out some of Italian bank UniCredit’s stake in Roma and thus becoming shareholders in the club.

Pallotta neither confirmed nor denied these reports in his statement.

“...are for the benefit of a great organization that people are interested in and want to become a part of,” he said.

“...our goal as always is to pursue what is best for Roma. We have no special insight into UniCredit’s desire to sell its stake in Roma or its rather transparent motive for a public dialogue, so we like you will await the next news cycle to learn more,” he said.

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According to Pallotta’s statement, he and the American investors can be understood to have no part in the negotiations between UniCredit and Chinese investors.

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Xinhua
Saif Ali Khan: No objection if daughter wants to join Bollywood

Mumbai, 25 Nov — Actor Saif Ali Khan says he has no objection if his daughter Sara joins the film industry provided she completes her education. Saif married actress Amrita Singh in 1991 and they have two children — daughter Sara and a son. After thirteen years of marriage the couple divorced in 2004. Sara was noticed when she posed on the cover of a magazine alongside mother Amrita and also when she made her ramp debut for designers Abu Jani and Sandeep Khosla. There were reports that the teenager has been flooded with film offers since then.

“It is up to her,” Saif told PTI. The actor-producer father will support his daughter if she wants to become an actress but she might need to lose some weight, he feels. “If she chooses to be in this field then she will have to lose weight. I think it is better to concentrate on education and have some backing in life. I am fine with it but I think college degree is important,” he added.

What if you are not successful as an actor? Then you will be stuck with no job also. Though you get lot of Things as an actor, there is a lot of pressure. It is not a normal life as you don’t have time for the little things Saif reveals his daughter Sara is his weakness.—PTI

Robbie Williams tops British album chart, makes music history

London, 25 Nov — British singer Robbie Williams grabbed the top spot in the UK album charts on Sunday with his new release “Swings Both Ways”, the Official Charts Company said, saying he had made music history by doing so. The release was the UK’s 1000th number one album, it said, saying Williams, who has sold 55 million albums globally, was now tied with Elvis Presley as the male solo artist with the most official number one UK albums — 11. Eminem hung on to second place in the album chart with “The Marshall Mathers LP 2”, holding off a new entry from 19-year-old singer/songwriter Jake Bugg whose new album “Shangri La” entered at number three. In the singles chart, British singer Lily Allen took the top spot with her version of the Keane song “Somewhere only we Know”, which is featured in a department store Christmas advertising campaign. It was her third number one UK single.—Reuters

Shruti is the daughter of noted actor Kamal Haasan. PTI
McIlroy settles dispute with former sponsor Oakley

DUBLIN, 25 Nov — Rory McIlroy has settled a legal dispute with his former sponsor, American sportswear company Oakley, the Irish golfer said on Sunday without disclosing the terms of the deal.

A sponsorship switch to Nike in January by the former world No 1 prompted Oakley to launch legal action to try to retain its sponsorship deal, saying it had the right to match any improved agreement with another company. “The legal claims brought by Oakley against Rory McIlroy in California have been amicably settled to the satisfaction of both parties,” a statement released on behalf of McIlroy said.

“I am delighted the case is now behind me,” McIlroy was quoted as saying.

McIlroy said earlier this month that his legal worries had weighed on him during a disappointing season. In September he terminated his contract with Dublin-based Horizon Sports Management to form his own management company and the acrimonious split has also reached the courts.

Man City hit six past hapless Spurs, United held

LONDON, 25 Nov — Rampant Manchester City shredded the Premier League leaders with a 6-0 thrashing of Tottenham Hotspur on Sunday while Manchester United’s surge up the table stalled after a 2-2 draw at Cardiff City. Sergio Aguero and Jesus Navas both struck twice as City, who have scored 13 goals in their last two home games, roared into the top four.

Hapless Tottenham conceded as many in one match as they had in their previous 11 league outings.

A sixth home win in six gave Manuel Pellegrini’s team 22 points from 12 games. United were poised to move above them when they led Cardiff 1-0 after 15 seconds but the performance of a side who have conceded as many as the Premier League’s meanest defence finally gave way to a performance worthy of its status.

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Cairo, 25 Nov — Egypt has decided to recall its ambassador to Turkey and summon the Turkish envoy here, the Foreign Ministry spokesman was quoted by state-run Ahram online on Saturday.

“We decided to withdraw our ambassador from Turkey and summon the Turkish ambassador in Cairo to inform him he is no longer persona non grata and ask him to leave,” Badr Abdel Aaty said. — Newhua

Red Bull’s Sebastian Vettel equalled Michael Schumacher’s record
Rio de Janeiro, 25 Nov — Red Bull’s Sebastian Vettel equalled Michael Schumacher’s record of thirteen victories in a year at the season-ending Brazilian Formula 1 Grand Prix on Sunday. The 26-year-old, who clinched his fourth straight world championship title last month, also matched Alberto Ascari’s 60-year record of nine consecutive wins at the Interlagos circuit.

After being overtaken by Mercedes’ Nico Rosberg on the first lap, Vettel regained the lead in the second and held it until the end to secure his 39th career win. His Red Bull teammate Mark Webber, competing for the last time in Formula 1, finished second. 10.4 seconds behind, Ferrari’s Fernando Alonso was third. “At the end of the day, as I see it now, it’s just a number,” Vettel said of his record-equalling performance. “But hopefully one day, when I’ve got less hair and chubbier, then it’s probably something nice to look back on.”

Jenson Button gave McLaren their best finish of the season by finishing fourth while Rosberg finished fifth. McLaren’s Sergio Perez was sixth after starting 19th on the grid. Webber, who won here in 2010 and 2012, was given a hearty ovation by the Red Bull pit crew, who held up a sign saying: “Awesome. Thank you Mark.” as he crossed the line. “It was a good finish to my career,” said the 37-year-old, who finished third in the drivers’ standings. “It was a great journey. I’ll enjoy watching F1 next year.” — Newhua

Nike kick off World Cup shirt war with new Brazil kit
Rio de Janeiro, 25 Nov — Nike launched a key battle in its war for shirt supremacy on Sunday when they unveiled the kit Brazil will wear to host the 2014 World Cup. VFL Wolfsburg midfielder Luiz Gustavo appeared in Copacabana wearing the famous yellow shirt and coach Luiz Felipe Scolari warned Brazil’s rivals the five-times champions aim to make an important alteration by winning the competition for a record sixth time.

“The shirt looks great, the only thing missing is a sixth star,” Scolari said. “We aim to have that on there after the World Cup.”

The Brazil shirt is Nike’s top selling international jersey and the company will do one billion dollars worth of business in the South American country this year, said their vice president of communications Charlie Brooks. Nike expects Brazil to be its third largest market in the world by 2017.

Fierce weather-related accidents kill four in Texas, New Mexico
Houston, 25 Nov — Fierce weather has swept through the United States’ southwest states of Texas and New Mexico, causing at least four deaths in accidents, local media reported on Saturday. Freezing rain and cold temperature have influenced Texas residents’ travel and should be blamed for causing the traffic accidents since late Friday, according to the website of the local English daily “The Houston Chronicle.”

In Vega, some 48 km west of northern Texas city Amarillo, a fatal traffic accident involving nine tractor-trailer rigs and two passenger vehicles killed three people and injured several others when it occurred shortly before midnight Friday.

In New Mexico, some parts of the state have been blanketet with snow and freezing rain, which caused the death of a 4-year-old girl in a rollover accident Saturday in the eastern part of the state. — Newhua
Vice-President U Nyan Tun inspects preparations for reception, accommodation and transportation for athletes of 27th SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov—On his inspection tour of Health, here, this morning.

The Union minister continued saying that the cooperation between the Ministry of Health, relevant ministries and private sectors is a main core for implementing the universal health coverage. Among Myanmar’s current reform processes, reform of health sector needs to be added. Acting Director-General of the Health Planning Department U Htay Win, Director (Planning) Dr Daw San San Aye, Health Policy Adviser Dr. Sundararajanan-Gopalan of WHO, Human Resources expert Dr Hnin Hnin Paing of World Bank presented financial ways to introduce the universal health coverage. —MNA

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On his arrival at Ngwehsaung Yachting Club in Pathein Township, Ayeyawady Region, together with Union ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, U Tint Hsan and U Htay Aung, deputy ministers and departmental heads, the Vice-President heard reports on preparations for successful holding of the 27th SEA Games and efforts being made for success in the yachting event presented by U Moe Myint, President of Myanmar Yachting Federation, and officials. Then the Union Ministers made supplementary reports.

After fulfilling the requirements, the Vice-President spoke words of praise and called for mass participation in carrying out beautifying works along the road to the club.

He then observed preparations for yachting event and visited accommodation facilities for athletes.

He also cordially greeted Myanmar athletes who will be competing in the yachting event and posed a documentary photo together with them.

The yachting event of the SEA Games will be held at Ngwehsaung beach that (See page 8)

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On his arrival at Ngwehsaung beach that (See page 8)

Ceremony to donate police bikes to MPF by Suzuki in progress.

It was attended by Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thane and Dr Kan Zaw, deputy ministers, Vice President of Suzuki Company Mr Toshihiro Suzuki and invited guests.

The Vice-President of Suzuki Company presented keys to Deputy Minister U Chan Maung before explaining the purpose of donation. Next the deputy minister spoke words of thanks. After the ceremony, they viewed Suzuki motorbikes displayed at the booths in MICC and enjoyed motorbike demonstration skills.

Those motorbikes are intended for traffic policies who will serve their duty in the XXVII SEA Games and 2014 ASEAN Summit and related meetings. —Ko Myo (Shwe Paukkan)

Suzuki donates motorbikes to MPF

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov—A ceremony to donate 100 motorbikes to Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs by Mr Toshihiro Suzuki, Marketing Manager of Suzuki Company.

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