Myanmar enjoys fruits of peace as no gunfire heard in various corners of country

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—The following is the translation of message sent by President U Thein Sein on the occasion of 93rd Anniversary National Day.

I wish well-being of all Myanmar citizens enjoying fruits of democracy on this occasion of 93rd National Day that falls on 27th November 2013 (10th Waning of Tazaungmon, Myanmar fell under the colonialist rule in late 19th century and the imperialists introduced the education system in Myanmar which prolonged the colonialist rule. The colonialist government went against the people of Myanmar by enacting the new Yangon University Act in December, 1920 (Tazaungmon, 1282). The people protested against the new act on 5 December, 1920 (10th Waning of Tazaungmon, 1282), and the day has been celebrated as the National Day.

Today is the 93rd Anniversary National Day which marks the national education campaign with the vision to promote patriotism. Every nation needs sound education foundation for nationalistic and union spirit. Myanmar has a long and colourful history of national victory based on mature and firm nationalistic fervor. We need, in this IT age, firm nationalistic fervor and union spirit to sustain national characteristics by analyzing imported cultures and ideologies.

The government has been initiating a series of tangible political, economic and administrative reforms as wide as possible. As the development of the nation depends on educational improvement absolutely, we are speeding up our education promotion efforts.

A National Seminar on Pragmatic Education Reforms for education promotion was held in Nay Pyi Taw on 7 October, 2013. As an outcome of the seminar, Education Promotion Implementation Committee, Special Task Force and 18 working committees were formed. We are drafting the work plans by considering priority areas by presenting people, experts, stakeholders and media and asking for suggestions from them.

National unity is an essential prerequisite for perpetuation of independence and sovereignty. We have seen light at the end of the tunnel in our peace negotiation with ethnic armed groups. We have enjoyed fruits of peace as no gunfire is heard in various corners of the country at this moment. We have shifted towards a democratic governance from the centralized governance. We have started initial steps to count voices of the people in public management.

The Three Branches of Power—the Executive, the Legislature and the Judiciary—formed with the President, the elected Representatives, the Union government and the Authorities are marching towards the development hands in hands with the people.

I would hereby urge you to strive for fulfillment of the following 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

President U Thein Sein accepts Credentials of Korean Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—Mr. Lee Baek-soon, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Korea 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 the President Office U Soe Maung and Director-General U Thurain Thant Zin of the Protocol Department.—MNA
SMEs crucial for development of industrial sector

**LOCAL NEWS**

**New Light of Myanmar**

**26 Nov—**

Myanmar got recognition internationally due to its political and economic reforms in the time of new democratic government. Development of SMEs in industrial sector for poverty alleviation, creation of job opportunity and increasing income is very important, said Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint at 33rd ASEAN SME Working Group Meeting at Parkroyal Hotel this morning.

Myanmar has been striving for reducing poverty rate of the country from 26 to 16 percent in 2015, he said. He continued that SME plays a crucial role in industrial sector and development of the nation’s GDP, adding SMEs are the main blood of ASEAN economy.

It is learnt that the Ministry of Industry established SME Centre in April 2012 for SME sector development and is drawing SME Bill with the suggestions and assistance of the scholars at home and abroad and it will be completed soon.

**Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint poses for documentary photo together with participants from 33rd ASEAN SME Working Group Meeting.***

**_NATIONAL SPORTS_**

**Football & Sepak Takraw referee course opened in Bokpyin**

BOKPYIN, 26 Nov — A referee course for football and Sepak Takraw was opened at Bokpyin Township General Administration Department yesterday morning.

Under the arrangement of Sports and Physical Education Committee of Taninthayi Region, the course was supervised by District/Township Sports and Physical Education Committees and it was aimed at uplifting sports standards in Bokpyin Township.

U Kyaw Kyaw Oo, Region Minister for Development Affairs, made an opening address.

The responsible persons from district/township Sports and Physical Education Departments gave a short term training course to 20 trainees from wards and villages in Bokpyin Township.

Bokpyin Township IPRD

**AGRICULTURE**

**Harvesting of Palethwe hybrid paddy demonstrated in Mawlamyine Tsp**

MAWLAMYINE, 26 Nov —The ceremony of harvesting Palethwe hybrid paddy organized by Mawlamyine Township Agriculture Department was held at the farm of Daw Nu Nu Wai in Naungkhari Ward of Mawlamyine on 12 November.

At the ceremony, Head of Mawlamyine District Agriculture Department of U Aung Kyaw Oo stressed the needs for the development of farming sector and U Aye Cho, Head of Township Agriculture Department, explained 14 points of good agricultural pattern.

Then, Staff Officer Daw Myat Maw and officials demonstrated activities of harvesting. The farm produces about 124 baskets per acre.

The Head of Township Agriculture Department replied to queries raised by local farmers.

**Agriculture**

**Workshop on disaster risk reduction held in Thaton**

THATON, 26 Nov — In order to disseminate knowledge about natural disaster prevention, Thaton District Relief and Resettlement Department and Maggin Social Welfare Association jointly conducted workshop on disaster risk reduction at Thuwunna Hall of Thaton on 25 November.

On the occasion, Thaton Township Administrator U Tun Tun Naing made an opening address.

Head of Thaton District Relief and Resettlement Department Assistant Director Daw Hla Kathy Mar explained the purpose of conducting the workshop and Chairman of Maggin Social Welfare Association U Lwin Zar Maung made a discussion on activities of their organization.

At the workshop, lectures were given to 54 trainees from 54 villages of the township. Then, the officials reviewed discussions of participants in groups.

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**93rd Anniversary National Day**

10th Waning of Tazaungmon, 1375 ME

(27-11-2013)

**Objectives of 93rd Anniversary National Day**

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2. Promotion of national educational standards
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4. Building of a new modern, developed nation
Japan, China, S Korea begin FTA talks in Tokyo

Tokyo, 26 Nov — Japan, China and South Korea began their third round of free trade talks in Tokyo on Tuesday, with a wide range of areas such as intellectual property and goods and services on the agenda.

While the talks come as Tokyo’s relations with Beijing and Seoul remain frosty due to territorial disputes and differences over wartime history, a Japanese trade ministry official said the three countries have maintained cooperation in proceeding with the FTA talks and the political discord has not adversely affected the negotiations.

The East Asian countries are expected to hold working-level talks on 15 categories including intellectual property, while expert dialogue in the areas of food, the environment and e-commerce will also take place, according to the Japanese Foreign Ministry.

At the outset of the meeting, Deputy Foreign Minister Yasumasa Nagamine, who heads the Japanese delegation, said he hopes for progress especially on such issues as market access, e-commerce and government procurement during the four-day talks.

Chinese Assistant Minister of Commerce Wang Shouwen expressed hope that the three countries will “keep a good momentum” to produce tangible outcomes, Tokyo, Beijing and Seoul announced the launch of the free trade talks last year and held their first meeting in Seoul in late March this year.

The second meeting was held in Shanghai from July to August. At a preparatory meeting in Seoul in late October, the countries agreed the negotiations should be concluded before the end of 2015 — the target date for a deal set by 16 countries including Japan, China and South Korea involved in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership free trade negotiations.

EU observers and UN mission praise Mali legislative vote

BAMAKO, 26 Nov — European Union observers and the United Nation’s mission in Mali (MINUSMA) on Monday praised the West African nation’s weekend legislative election, despite low turnout and some voting abuses.

Saturday’s vote was largely peaceful except for a few incidents in the north that were unlikely to affect the outcome, EU election observation chief Louis Michel said in a statement.

Malian officials reported that armed men carried off ballot boxes in Goundam, in the region of Timbuktu, preventing people from casting their votes. Tuareg separatists also held protests in their northern stronghold of Kidal.

Bert Koenders, MINUSMA’s head, said the election campaign and voting took place in accordance with Malian law and met the mission’s expectations.

He condemned the incidents that marred voting in some places, particularly Goundam, but said they did not invalidate the election.

“The elections will allow the establishment of a new National Assembly, an essential process for the return of constitutional order,” Koenders said.

The election of a new parliament is supposed to complete the democratic transition in the wake of last year’s military coup and a nine-month occupation of northern Mali by Islamic militants linked to al-Qaeda.

The end of the transition will unlock about $3.25 billion donors have pledged to rebuild the impoverished country and develop its lawless northern desert.

Gunmen kill two Russian military instructors in Yemen

SANAA, 26 Nov — Gunmen on a motorbike shot dead two Russian military instructors in the Yemeni capital on Tuesday, a Yemeni police source said.

The source said the instructors, who worked with the Yemeni army, were shot as they left a hotel where they were staying in the southern part of the capital.

Dubai-based al-Arabiya news channel reported that one Russian military adviser was killed and another was wounded in the attack.

An official at the Russian embassy said he could not confirm that Russians currently in Yemen.

The Russian Defence Ministry could not immediately be reached for comment.

The Yemeni army had long relied on foreign advisers as it sought to quell militant elements in parts of the country but it has phased out most of that programme and only a handful remain.

It was not immediately clear who was behind the attack. There have been repeated drive-by shootings using motorcycles since an uprising that forced long-serving President Ali Abdullah Saleh to step down in 2011. Authorities have blamed these attacks on Islamists linked to al-Qaeda. — Reuters

US says may pull out all troops as Afghan leader holds up deal

KABUL/WASHINGTON, 26 Nov — Afghanistan’s President Hamid Karzai has refused to sign a security deal with the United States, the White House said, and Washington may have to resort to the “zero option” of withdrawing all American troops from the strife-torn country next year, as it did in Iraq.

Karzai told US National Security Advisor Susan Rice in Kabul on Monday that the United States must put an immediate end to military raids on Afghan homes and demonstrate its commitment to peace talks before he would sign a bilateral security pact, Karzai’s spokesman said.

The White House said Karzai had outlined new conditions in the meeting with Rice and “indicated he is not prepared to sign the (bilaterial security agreement) promptly.” “Without a prompt signature, the US would have no choice but to initiate planning for a post-2014 future in which there would be no US or NATO troop presence in Afghanistan,” a White House statement quoted Rice as saying.

On Sunday, an assembly of Afghan elders endorsed the security pact, but Karzai suggested he might not sign it until after national elections next spring.

The impasse strengthens questions about whether any US and NATO troops will remain after the end of next year in Afghanistan, which faces a still-potent insurgency waged by Taliban militants and is still training its own military. — Reuters

Four out of 10 Peruvian women suffer domestic violence

LIMA, 26 Nov — Four out of 10 Peruvian women are victims of domestic violence, Peru’s Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations said on Monday, on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

Ana Mendita, director of the National Programme Against Domestic and Sexual Violence of the Ministry, told local radio station RPP that this percentage has remained unchanged since 2000, which means Peru has made no progress in ending gender violence.

Mendita cited figures to show the seriousness of this social problem, saying that during the first 10 months of 2013, 99 women were murdered by their partners and ex-partners, plus 122 attempted femicide cases, compared to 83 and 99, respectively, in the same period of 2012.

Mendita said that the government has taken concrete actions to fight against violence and one of them has been the National Plan to Fight Violence against Women since 2009.

“This plan seeks to join the federal government’s work with regional and local governments as well as with the civil society to actively fight, from different stages, against the problem,” she said.—Xinhua

Members of the Loya Jirga, grand council, leave on the last day of the Loya Jirga, in Kabul on 24 Nov, 2013. 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. — Reuters
**Adobe says breach notification taking longer than anticipated**

**LONDON, 26 Nov** — Adobe Systems Inc said it is taking longer than expected to warn customers about a massive data breach that compromised data on tens of millions of people, leaving some in the dark for 10 weeks after the attack was discovered.

That puts those who have yet to be alerted at increased risk of cyber-scams and identity theft, because part of the massive trove of data stolen from Adobe is circulating on the Internet. “This is a pretty massive screw-up,” said Chester Wisniewski, a senior security advisor at anti-virus software maker Sophos. “Anybody can go and download the list. It’s not a secret.”

Adobe identified the attack on 17 September and began notifying customers “immediately” after it disclosed the breach on 3 October, according to company spokeswoman Heather Edell. “Email notifications are taking longer than we anticipated,” she said. The company has had to validate email addresses of those affected, and also limit the number of notifications sent at any one time so as to make sure they don’t get blocked by email providers or tagged as spam, she said. Edell said the company has notified by email and letter some 2.9 million Adobe customers with credit or debit card information taken by the attackers.

It is in the process of notifying tens of millions of others who have Adobe ID accounts for using its customer website, she said. She declined to provide a specific number on how many had been affected, saying the investigation was still ongoing. A file containing information on some 152 million Adobe ID accounts has circulated on the Internet for at least three weeks. It includes email addresses along with encrypted passwords and password hints, according to multiple security firms that have reviewed its contents. Yet Edell said it was not accurate to say 152 million customer accounts had been compromised because a database attack was a backup system about to be decommissioned.

She said the records included some 25 million records containing invalid email addresses, and 18 million with invalid passwords. “A large percentage of these were fictitious, having been set up for one-time use so that their creators could get free software or other perks, she added. Still, security experts at Sophos and other firms successfully identified an unknown number of passwords in that file by analyzing password hints and using other techniques to guess at them. Other companies, including Faceboook Inc, have identified users who employed the same passwords as those contained in the widely circulated file on Adobe customers.

Adobe Systems’ headquarters at the CityWest complex is pictured in south Dublin on 9 July, 2013.—**REUTERS**

Einhorn’s Greenlight discloses stake in chipmaker Micron

**SAN FRANCISCO, 26 Nov** — David Einhorn’s hedge fund Greenlight Capital reported a stake of about 23.02 million shares in US memory chipmaker Micron Technology, according to a filing on Monday. The disclosure of the stake, equivalent to about 2 percent of Micron, comes after Einhorn said last week he had invested in the chipmaker because it stands to benefit from industry consolidation.

Einhorn made the comments, which contributed to a rally in Micron’s shares, in an interview aired on CNBC after speaking at an investor conference in New York City that was closed to the media. At the end of July, Micron, based in Boise, Idaho, completed its acquisition of failed Japanese memory chipmaker Elpida in a move to create economies of scale and better challenge memory chip leader Samsung Electronics.

After a deep memory chip price slump last year that led some chipmakers to throttle back production, prices for DRAM and NAND chips made by Micron, Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix have increased this year. Shares of Micron rose 0.30 percent in extended trade following Greenlight’s disclosure.

Earlier, Micron’s stock closed down 1.63 percent at $19.86 in regular trade on the Nasdaq.—**REUTERS**

Curiosity resumes science operations on Mars: NASA

**WASHINGTON, 26 Nov** — US space agency NASA said on Monday its Mars rover Curiosity has resumed full science operations after days of suspension due to an electrical problem. On 17 November, the mission team detected a change in the voltage difference between the body of the Curiosity rover and the 32-volt power bus that distributes electricity to systems throughout the rover. Scientists suspected it might be some kind of short and suspended the rover operations to check for possible causes.

“The likely cause is an internal short in Curiosity’s power source, the Multi-Mission Radioisotope Thermoelectric Generator,” NASA said in a statement. “Due to resiliency in design, this short does not affect operation of the power source or the rover.”

“Following the decision to resume science activities, engineers learned early 23 November that the rover had returned to its pre-November 17 voltage level. This reversal is consistent with their diagnosis of an internal short in the genera- tor on 17 November, and the voltage could change again,” the US space agency said.

Over the weekend, Curiosity used its robotic arm to deliver portions of powdered rock to a laboratory inside the rover, it said. The powder has been stored in the arm since the rover collected it by drilling into the target rock “Cumberland” six months ago. Curiosity landed on the Red Planet in August 2012 with a mission to assess ancient habitable environments and major changes in Martian environmental conditions. It’s now driving towards its primary destination: a mountain called Mount Sharp.—**Xinhua**

China to launch Chang’e-3 lunar probe in early December

**BEIJING, 26 Nov** — China is scheduled to launch Chang’e-3 lunar probe in early December, a spokesman with State Administration of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defence (SASTIND) said on Tuesday. The lunar probe will land on the moon in mid-December if everything is successful, said SASTIND spokesman Wu Zhijian.

Chang’e-3, encompassing a lander and a moon rover, will mark the first time for a Chinese spacecraft to soft-land on the surface of an extraterrestrial body. The Chang’e-3 mission is the second phase of China’s lunar program, which includes orbiting, landing and returning to Earth.—**Xinhua**

The model of the lunar probe Chang’e-2.—**Xinhua**

Adobe’s headquarters at the CityWest complex is pictured in south Dublin on 9 July, 2013.—**REUTERS**

The main entrance to Micron corporate headquarters in Boise, Idaho, on 3 Feb, 2012.—**REUTERS**

The Intel logo is advertised on the side of a computer box at an electronic store in Phoenix, Arizona on 4 Nov, 2009.—**REUTERS**

The lunar probe Chang’e-2.—**Xinhua**

San Francisco, 26 Nov — Intel Corp is trying to sell its yet-to-launch Internet television service for $500 million and wants to complete a deal by year-end, Bloomberg reported on Monday. Verison Communications, one of the suitors, has spoken with content providers about a streaming television service, Bloomberg also said, citing unnamed sources.

Intel declined to comment on the report. Intel’s project, called OnCue, has faced challenges getting off the ground since it was officially launched in February.

The chipmaker’s new CEO, Brian Krzanich, ultimately decided Intel could not afford the distraction and expense, sources familiar with the decision told Reuters last week.

While Intel came close to finalizing deals with some of the major programmers, according to industry sources on both sides of the talks, the terms were such that Intel would have faced upfront outlays in the hundreds of millions regardless of how quickly the service caught on, the same sources say.
Oil prices stabilize after Iran deal, Asian shares steady

**Tokyo, 26 Nov.** — Oil prices stabilized on Tuesday after Monday’s slide as traders questioned how quickly the Iranian nuclear accord could translate into higher supplies, while the yen came off a four-year trough against the euro. Asian shares headed for a third straight session of gains, though Tokyo’s Nikkei benchmark retreated from a six-month high as the yen recovered some of Monday’s steep losses.

The Thai baht slipped 0.3 percent to a 11-week low of 32.000 per dollar on heightened political uncertainty as anti-government protesters forced their way inside the country’s Finance Ministry and burst through the gates of the Foreign Ministry compound, in a bid to oust Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra. On Monday, the Thai SET index .SETI fell for a fifth straight session to an 11-week closing low, as US crude prices added 0.3 percent to $94.37 a barrel, recouping some of the previous session’s 0.8 percent decline following a weekend deal between the West and Tehran to halt Iran’s most sensitive nuclear activities in exchange for some relief from sanctions.

Brent crude prices softened a touch after earlier gains that on Monday from a slide of as much as 2.7 percent. The interim six-month ‘freeze’ agreement just reached on Iran’s nuclear programme should not have any impact on oil prices, aside from short-term sentiment, because core sanctions on oil and banking have not been touched, Societe Generale said in a note. “We see a greater than 50 percent chance that a comprehensive agreement will be successfully reached within six months.”

“If and when that happens, it could take Iran three to nine months to recover the one million barrels per day in production lost since 2012.” MSC’s broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan MIAPJ0000USP advanced 0.3 percent, building on a 0.3 percent rise in the previous session, though it faced resistance at its 50-day moving average. — Reuters

**Geneva, 26 Nov.** — The World Health Organization on Monday launched new recommendations to address the specific needs of adolescents both for those living with HIV and those who are at risk of infection.

The document, HIV and adolescent sexual and reproductive health: guidance for HIV testing and counselling and care for adolescents living with HIV, released ahead of the World AIDS Day 2013, estimated that 2.1 million adolescents between 10 and 19 years old are living with HIV in 2012. Many of them do not receive the care and support that they need to stay in good health and prevent transmission and millions more adolescents are at risk of infection, said the guidance, first of its kind to address the issue among this group.

It pointed out that from 2005 to 2012, the failure to support effective and acceptable HIV services for adolescents has resulted in a 50 percent increase in reported AIDS-related deaths in this group, compared with the 30 percent decline among the general population. Many young people do not know their HIV status. For example, in sub-Saharan Africa, it’s estimated that only 10 percent of young men and 15 percent of young women (15-24 years old) know their HIV status, according to the guidance.

WHO recommended governments review their laws to make it easier for adolescents to obtain HIV testing without needing consent from their parents. The guidelines also suggested that health services can improve the quality of care and social support for adolescents and highlighted the value of involving them to create an adolescent-centered approach to the services that work for them. —Xinhua

**Moscow, 26 Nov.** — Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a law banning advertisements for abortion, the Kremlin said Monday, a step ascribed to Putin as an inoffensive act, but which, earlier this year, critics say does infringe on the reproductive rights of women. Putin has made stemming a post-Soviet population decline a priority during 14 years in power and struck a conservative tone in his new term, praising what he calls traditional values, and holding up the Russian Orthodox Church as a moral guide.

He has drawn fire from the West for a law he signed earlier this year that critics say discriminates against homosexuals. Wider availability of contraception and a resurgence of religion after the 1991 Soviet collapse have reduced Russia’s abortion rate, but it is among the highest in the world and termination is a top method of birth control. The government has funded advertising campaigns and offered financial incentives for couples to have multiple children. The law banning advertising “is not the beginning of the restriction of women’s (reproductive) rights, but rather the continuation of a process begun in 2011,” said women’s rights activist Olgaeria Kharitonova. She was referring to legislation that barred abortion after the 12th week of pregnancy in most cases and establishing a waiting period of at least 48 hours. A recent proposal submitted to lawmakers would make prohibitions cover abortion by health insurance. — Reuters

**New Delhi, 26 Nov.** — Samsung has announced the successor to the Galaxy Grand, the Galaxy Grand 2. The South Korean handset maker has not revealed the price for Galaxy Grand 2 and has also not announced the availability details for the smartphone. The Samsung Galaxy Grand 2 runs Android 4.3 Jelly Bean out-of-the-box. The Galaxy Grand 2 is a dual-SIM device with support for GSM+GSM. It features a 5.2-inch HD TFT display with a resolution of 720x1280 pixels.

The Galaxy Grand 2 is powered by a 1.2GHz quad-core processor alongside 1.5GB of RAM. It sports an 8-megapixel autofocus rear camera accompanied by an LED Flash. It also houses a 1.9-megapixel front-facing camera. It comes with 8GB of built-in storage, which is further expandable up to 64GB via microSD card.

Connectivity options on the Galaxy Grand 2 include Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, GPS/ AGPS, micro-USB and 3G (HSPA+). The smartphone measures 146.8x75.3x8.9mm and weighs about 163 grams. The Galaxy Grand 2 packs a 2600mAh battery that can deliver up to 17 hours of talktime, although no standby time detailed. The Samsung Galaxy Grand 2 will be available in Black, Pink and White colour variants in select regions.

Samsung has decided to pre-load the Galaxy Grand 2 with some of the popular apps seen on flagship smartphones, Galaxy S4 and Galaxy Note 3, like Story Album, which can organise pictures into timelines; S Translator, company’s proprietary translation service; S Travel, which offers guides and travel details; Samsung Hub, company’s own content service that offers access to music, videos and games. The phone also comes with Group Play, a feature first seen on Galaxy S4, which lets users play music or games together, as well as share documents.

Taobao to help smaller vendors expand on shopping site

**Beijing, 26 Nov.** — Taobao, China’s largest consumer-oriented shopping site, will help smaller vendors by providing them with individualized tools as the platform bids to lure more online shoppers. The vendors will be offered free data analyzing tools by Taobao which will also hand out gift vouchers to consumers according to their shopping behavior and habits, Taobao said yesterday.

Taobao now hosts about 7 million vendors, and offering them individualized marketing tools is a key step for the shopping site to build up 1 million small vendors with annual sales of 1 million yuan (US$164,000) by the end of 2014.

The offer is part of its plan to support smaller sellers who have distinct characteristics. “Our target is to allow more small but high quality vendors to grow on our platform,” said Zhang Yu, president of Taobao.com.
Italian budget vote will test government’s post-Berlusconi strength

ROME, 26 Nov — Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta’s coalition government said on Monday it would call a confidence vote on its 2014 budget, a move that will give the first clear proof of its strength since Silvio Berlusconi’s party split this month.

Confidence vote, which limit the scope for time-consuming amendments, are regularly called to speed legislation in Italy and Letta is almost certain to win with the backing of rebels who split from Berlusconi’s center-right party, now rebranded under its original name Forza Italia.

But the motion in the Senate heightens tension ahead of a vote to expel Berlusconi from parliament this week and is likely to cement the split between Forza Italia and Letta’s coalition of left and right formed after February’s deadlocked elections.

Forza Italia will meet later on Monday to decide its stance on the budget, Berlusconi told a news conference. He said he was asking a court to overturn his tax fraud conviction due to what he said was new evidence that exonerated him, and he called on his fellow senators to postpone the vote to expel him from parliament.

Voting to have one of the country’s political leaders ousted out of the Senate would “bring you shame before your children, your voters and all Italians,” Berlusconi said in a letter to senators he read aloud.

“You can’t imagine the indignation you feel in the face of a conviction for a crime you haven’t committed,” he said. He described himself as “an exemplary citizen who has never evaded taxes, but who has in stead paid lots of them”.

The 77-year-old billionaire has promised to break with the government and go into open opposition if Letta’s center-left Democratic Party votes for his removal from parliament as promised. Rallys by his supporters are planned in central Rome during the vote.

His threat to pull out of the coalition prompted a party split earlier this month that has left 30 center-right senators and 27 deputies supporting the government.

If stripped of his Senate seat, Berlusconi would lose immunity from arrest and from being wiretapped by investigators as he faces at least two other criminal probes and appeals a conviction for paying for sex with an underage prostitute.

The budget, a compromise bill worked out after much wrangling between the coalition partners, includes some tax cuts on labor costs but the European Commission has warned the tax and spending plans might not achieve debt reduction targets.

The confidence vote is scheduled for Tuesday but may be delayed. It is just one part of the budget’s passage through parliament, which must be completed by the end of the year.—Reuters

Honduras leftist disputes results as vote count drags on

TEGUICIGALPA, 26 Nov — Leftist Honduran presidential candidate Xiomara Castro refused to accept a partial official results that show her conservative rival on course to win Sunday’s election by a comfortable margin.

Castro, the wife of deposed leader Manuel Zelaya, and her team said on Monday that an exit poll drawn up for her party showed she was winning. Her team claimed fraud and accused the electoral authority of manipulating the result.

A partial count issued by the electoral authority gives National Party candidate Juan Hernandez 34.18 percent support, while Xiomara Castro had 28.84 percent, the authority said in an update on Monday.

The preliminary tally was based on a count from nearly 62 percent of polling booths. The vote count dragged on, and an election official said data from far-flung precincts was still arriving at the capital.

“We are going to defend our triumph at the ballot box and if necessary will take to the streets,” Zelaya said at a news conference.

“Unless proven otherwise, we hold triumph in our hands.”

“We will seek a recount ballot box by ballot box, booth by booth, town by town,” Zelaya added.

“We are struggling against an oligarchy in the government of Honduras.”

France to boost troops

PARIS/UNITED NATIONS, 26 Nov — France will triple the number of its soldiers in the Central African Republic to 1,200 to bolster security after months of violence, the war-torn nation’s prime minister said on Monday.

The mineral-rich but impoverished country of 4.6 million people has descended into chaos since Seleka rebels, many of them from neighboring Chad and Sudan, ousted President Francois Bozize in March.

Prime Minister Nicolas Tiangaye said French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius told him the reinforcements would arrive once the UN Security Council adopts a resolution backing the force, which France hopes will occur in early December.

“We spoke about the security question. France has 410 soldiers now in Bangui and that will be strengthened by 800, to take the number to 1,200 — more if needed,” Tiangaye told Reuters after meeting Fabius in Paris.

French UN Ambassador Gerard Araud said Paris would reinforce its Central African Republic presence, but did not confirm Tiangaye’s figures. He said that until an African Union force of 3,600 troops — known as MISCA — was fully operational, French troops would start trying to restore law and order.

“Basically our force will in the first instance be a bridging force, before the African force is fully operational, and after that, we will support the African force,” he told reporters after UN Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson briefed the 15-member Security Council on Monday.

“Today, nothing is possible in Central African Republic without restoring law and order,” Araud said. “So that is an absolutely priority — that’s why we are going to help the African force do the job,” he said.—Reuters

Bint’l body agrees to leave Atlantic tuna quota unchanged

CAPE TOWN, 26 Nov — The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas said on Monday a decision was made at its annual meeting to leave its Atlantic bluefin tuna fishery unchanged for 2014, after it raised the quota for 2013 for the first time in 10 years.

At the conference held in Cape Town, the dominant view was that the commission should confirm a recovery in bluefin tuna stocks while keeping the quota unchanged, conference sources said. The catch quota in the eastern Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean set last year for 2013 was 13,400 tons, of which around 1,140 were for Japan. The western Atlantic Ocean quota was 1,750 tons, of which around 300 were for Japan. According to the sources, Japan, the biggest consumer of bluefin tuna, had proposed to raise the quota by 400 tons for 2014 in the eastern Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. In the face of opposition from the European Union and others who argued that a recovery in stock has not been confirmed, Tokyo agreed to leave the quota unchanged, the sources said.

Bluefin tuna, popular in Japan as a sushi ingredient and for sashimi raw fish slices, has been under a strict international watch as it has been subject to overfishing due to strong demand worldwide.—Kyodo News
Finalists of Myanmar archery team for XXVII SEA Games

Htaik, Nay Myo Aung, Nyein Sithu, Aung Myo Thu, Thin Thinzin, San Yu Hwe and Zargyi Win.

As part of preparations for the SEA Games, Myanmar archery team hosted the 5th SEA Archery Championship and took part in the 1st Asian Archery Grand Prix held in Thailand.

Moreover, the team had taken joint training with Korean players in Republic of Korea from 17 July to 16 August.

Myanmar archery team bagged three gold, one silver and three bronze in the 2011 Indonesian SEA Games.

MMAL-Nyi Myat Thawda; Photo: Soe Nyunt

Hino runs into roadside shop

Zigon, 26 Nov—A Hino truck driven by Ye Myint, 28 of Thayettaw Road in Nattalin Township of Bago Region plunged into the road side due to out of control between mile posts 132/5 and 132/6 on Yangon-Pyay Road at Nyaungzin Village of Zigon Township on 22 November morning.

Cash donated to Yangon Children’s Hospital

Yangon, 26 Nov—Delicious Food Company Ltd, White Lotus Travels & Tours Co Ltd, Shwe Construction, Taw Win Family Co and wellwishers donated cash K 4.55 million and US$ 2500 to Yangon Children’s Hospital on 17 November when the Taazungdine charity fair was held.

They donated cash donations to officials. Moreover, 31 wellwishers donated nutritious foods to 354 children parents and staff family.

MMAL-028

Accident

Zigon, 26 Nov—A Hino runs into roadside shop on and US$ 2500 to Yangon donated cash K 4.55 million Family Co and wellwishers & Tours Co Ltd, Shwe Lotus Travels Delicious Food Company.

In the incident, U Aung Thein, 62 of Nyaungzin Village was injured and rushed to Pyay People’s Hospital. The shop of U Aung Thein was also destroyed in the incident.

Zigon Police Station opened a file of lawsuit over the traffic accident under the law. —MMAL-028

Railroad sections upgraded along Yangon-Mawlamyine route

MMAL-Nyi Myat Thawda; Photo: Soe Nyunt

Modern machinery being used in upgrading of rail tracks along Yangon-Mawlamyine railroad section.

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Water supply facilities provided to rural areas in Kyaukse

Kyaukse, 26 Nov—Kyaukse Township Development Affairs Committee tried hard to supply water to the villages with shortage of water in 2013-14 fiscal year, and it has implemented the urban water supply system in Pyathale Village of Kyaukse Township for the first time in the nation.

“We spent K 19,596,800 on water supply facilities. Every house can tap on the water at their residence,” said Executive Officer U Lay Lwin.

The committee pumps the water from Zawgyi River onto the 2000 gallons production. They heard information that there are many limestone hills in Kyaukmaraw Township of Mon State and so they coordinated with the state government for the work, they said. The Mon State government responded that four companies are trying hard to aid plants in Mon State. One of them had received permission of MIC. Although there are many limestone hills in the state, permission will not be given to anyone because the region is full of cultural heritage such as pagodas, stupas and religious edifices. There remains one site in Phathet Village of Kyaukmaraw Township. As Minlwin region of Bilin Township is teeming with limestone hills, the state government can give assistance to those wishing to do such business, the state government said. —MMAL-012

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Every house can tap on the water from the pipeline. Anybody on the tap for use of water is so easy. We can switch the river spending their time in the past. Now, it is so easy. We can switch on the tap for use of water from the pipeline. Anybody does not need to worry about supply of water like previously. We all are pleased for arrangement of the Township Development Affairs Committee.
Towards new, modern and democratic nation

National Day is a very significant day for all national people of Myanmar who staged the anti-colonialist and independence struggle spurring the National Education Movement and greater nationalistic fervour. It dates back to the tenth waning of Tazaungmon 93 years ago, in the year 1282 Myanmar Era. To oppose the endeavours of the colonialists, there emerged moves to organize nationalistic and patriotic forces, first on the basis of promoting one’s own nationality and religion. And all that resulted in the birth of the Young Men’s Buddhist Association (YMBA).

The boycott of the colonial education system was launched on the tenth waning of the Myanmar month of Tazaungmon (5 December 1920). “Wunthanu Rakkhita”, the spirit of cherishing one’s own country, own people and culture, and the spirit of national solidarity, to which the National Day gave birth is intertwined with nationalistic fervour which is “Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty”, and they are always remembered by the entire people of Myanmar.

We are now in the process of democratization with the people-centred approach at the top of the agenda. Towards this end, we are working hard for the emergence of a new, modern and democratic nation with the help of global partners. As nationalistic fervour is the spirit capable of serving the interest of the State and its people, we all are to be equipped with it forever.

A race will not be able to safeguard the sovereignty if it lacks patriotic spirit. It is an inborn duty of the citizens to strive for uplift of dynamism of patriotism in order to achieve uplift of national prestige and integrity. With that, we are sure we would bring about prosperity in our society, and our pace towards a new, modern and democratic nation with nationalistic fervour already deeply rooted will be greater and faster.

International Infrastructure Exhibition at Tatmadaw Convention Hall

YANGON, 26 Nov—Jointly organized by AMB Events Group, Malaysia and Care Freight Services Ltd, an opening ceremony of Myanmar’s biggest International Infrastructure Exhibition was held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road of Dagon Township, here, this morning.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, region ministers and Director Mr Andrew Siow of AMB Events Group, Malaysia cut the ribbon to open the exhibition and looked around in it.

Over 250 domestic and foreign companies displayed their products—construction materials, electrical equipment and water and water purifier related materials—at 160 booths in the exhibition up to 28 November.—MNA

ARTICLE

WUNTHANU RAKKHITA STILL LIVES ON

Maung Hlaing

Myanmar literature is ours! My love Myanmar, our Motherland!

It was during our school-days when we chanted the slogans and went round the town on Amyotha Aungbwe Nay, or National Day. Call it Amyotha Aungbwe Nay, or Amyotha Nay. National Day is a very significant day for all national people who staged the anti-colonialist and independence struggle spurring the National Education Movement and greater nationalist fervour. Unlike other days of political significance, it is marked by the Myanmar calendar.

The event of historical and national significance began with the University Boycott against the subjugative education system but led to the national struggle against oppression, discrimination and exploitation consequently resulting in the attainment of national independence.

It dates back to the tenth waning of Tazaungmon 93 years ago, in the year 1282 Myanmar Era. To oppose the endeavours of the colonialists, there emerged moves to organize nationalistic and patriotic forces, first on the basis of promotion of one’s own nationality and religion. And all that resulted in the birth of the Young Men’s Buddhist Association (YMBA).

The year 1920 indeed was an eventful year in the history of Myanmar. In the year, the British Government moved to bring the University Act into force without noticing what would happen. The Act of the National Education Movement was one that would make it more difficult for Myanmar nationals to pursue higher education and permit only a wealthy few to get University education. Although the Act was rejected by the patriotic majority, it was passed in December 1920.

As a result, the Students of the then Rangoon College and Judson College got together and decided to boycott the Act. Accordingly, the boycott of the colonial education system was launched on the tenth waning of the Myanmar month of Tazaungmon (5 December 1920).

This is the day that was marked as Amyotha Aungbwe Nay, or National Day in accordance with the decision made by the Ninth Conference of the GCBA held in 1921 at Mandalay. The 1920 movement against subjugative education system triggered off the entire people’s great rising, politically and economically, against the imperialist rulers.

In other words, the course of action taken by the students served as a clarion call for the national struggle for independence.

The essence of the memorable event that day, it may be seen, is the expression of national spirit, the desire for national well-being. The form of expression was a boycott, which was the only effective way under colonial rule.

From then on, the National Education Movement spread quickly and the National College and the National Schools were established. It added impetus to nationalist fervour and strengthened the foundation for the struggle for independence. In this way, the National Day was set aside to remember how nationalism and patriotism were highlighted.

Whenever we talk about the National Day, it is for all to contemplate the significance of the day. Remember what happened in the past and then think of the future—what is to be done in future. It should never be forgotten that the Old Boycotters had done their duty at that time by defying the hovering sword of the colonialists. What made them do so? It was nothing but the “Wunthanu Rakkhita”, or national patriotism. To be able to stand proudly among the world’s nations, the nationalist spirit should be kept alive and dynamic.

That is why, the entire people of Myanmar always remember the spirit of “Wunthanu Rakkhita”, the spirit of cherishing one’s own country, own people and culture, and the spirit of national solidarity, which the National Day gave birth to.

A race will not be able to safeguard the sovereignty if it lacks patriotic spirit. It is an inborn duty of the citizens to strive for uplift of dynamism of patriotism in order to achieve uplift of national prestige and integrity. The basis for uplift of patriotic spirits that each and every citizen will have to safeguard national prestige and integrity the same way he sustains his own life.

Myanmar with 60 million people lies at the new crossroads of Asia. With China to her northeast, India and Bangladesh to her west, the other nations of ASEAN to her south and east, the country borders the nations with more than two billion people. Our country, once isolated not just by politics but by physical barriers, is now poised to break those barriers. In such a circumstance, we must uphold the patriotic spirit in the fore.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar is the home of some 60 million people who constitute over 100 national groups. The history of Myanmar is a long record of the living together of people from different national races in this land. We all will have to deal with the spirit of nationalism and patriotism.

The ensure of nationalism, however, does not confine to race, religion and language only. Indeed, all the nationalities of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar are in possession of the nationalism.

Stronger nationalism, we believe, will contribute towards achieving further successes at a time when we are bringing about political and economic reforms and in changing our way of life to be more conducive to the needs of the country and the people.

One can easily see the essential nature of national spirit in a people. National spirit, which played a determining role in those days of the past, is therefore being cherished also today.

So, on the anniversary of National Day, let’s further strengthen national spirit in ourselves with deep respect to what our forefathers had done some 93 years ago, and by means of the national spirit so strengthened carry on with the tasks of national construction with renewed vigour and enthusiasm.

This year, the 93rd anniversary National Day will be observed with the objectives—Uplift of national prestige and integrity and dynamism of Union Spirit; Promotion of national educational standard; Perpetuation of independence and sovereignty; and building of a modern, developed nation. In keeping with the objectives, we are duty bound to work in unison and with strong patriotism to further national interests if we wish our nation to prosper.

Let’s further strengthen and consolidate patriotic spirit and national unity of the entire people.

Some ninety-three years have passed but the spirit of the event that took place at that time still lives on as a highly potent force even under very much changed circumstances today.
Bagan-NyaungU hope more tourists in December

Myitkina, 26 Nov—It is likely that a large number of globetrotters will flock to Bagan-NyaungU, an ancient city of Myanmar, during the SEA games in December, according to local tourist guides.

In October, most tourists from Asia visited Myanmar, especially Bagan-NyaungU while others from Europe were there in November together with those from France, Germany and Switzerland. The tourists used to disclose that only their arrival in Bagan-NyaungU means their arrival in Myanmar. As Bagan-NyaungU is an ancient city with full of cultural heritage of Myanmar, it has turned out to be one of the most famous tourist destinations for international globetrotters.

Union Minister attends Southeast Asia Prayer Gathering XI

Yangon, 26 Nov—An opening of the Southeast Asia Prayer Gathering XI took place at Excel Treasure Hotel, here, yesterday night.

First, Union Minister U Hsan Hsint and Dr. Iman Santoso, chairman of Southeast Asia Prayer Council, formally opened the ceremony.

Next, the Union minister, the SEAPC Chairman, Dr Myo Myint, the repre- sentatives of the education promotion implementation committee, the directors- general, experts of UNESCO, representatives of UNESCO in Myanmar, of educational organizations and officials concerned of CESR.

Draft on UNODC Country Programme discussed

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 Nov—A meeting on drafting UNODC Country Programme (2014-2017) was held at the Ministry of Home Affairs, here, this morning.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint gave an opening speech on the occasion.

Mr. Andrea Mancini, Programme Officer of integrated Programme & Oversight Branch, UNODC, Vienna, Mr. Jason Eligh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam and Ti- mor-Leste as well as from regions and states in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and officials of the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Work coordination meeting on CESR held

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 Nov—A work coordination meeting on education policy, legisla- tion and management and quality control of the comprehensive education sector review level-2 was held at Myattawuun Hotel, here, this morning.

On the occasion, Act- ing Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Myint delivered an address. Experts of UNESCO gave an account of findings on the educational policy, legislation and decentrali-

Convicted criminals of raping, prostituting adolescent given harsh sentences

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 Nov—Those including the vic- tim’s step father were given harsher sentences for raping an adolescent and forcing the victim into prostitution.

In accord with the guid- ance given by the Union government, Myanmar Police Force exposed the case as the victim’s grandmother wrote a letter demanding for a lawsuit against U Win Naing who raped a 13-year-old girl in the middle of August, 2012 and forced her in pros- titution to a community- based child protection group in Ward-7 of Bogale Town- ship in Pyapon District.

Investigations revealed that the rape suspect sold the victim for K 20000 to Thanmani (a) Kyaw Chit Oo and May Phu who run a brothel in Mawlamyine- yun Township and to brothel owner Tun Tun and Zar Lwin Myint in Pathain for K 30000.

According to the Min- istry of Home Affairs, Pyapon District Court sen- tenced rape suspect Win Naing to life imprisonment under section 376 of crim-

As a gesture of hailing the 27th SEA Games, flags put up at the 8th-mile junction in Mayangon Township on 25 November.—KyiSrin-Nyi Nyi (Thamaing)
**LOCAL NEWS**

**Pahteinngo flower gets good price in market**

Cultivation of flowery plants can be earned high income for growers. Their works help those who performing meritorious deeds as offering of flowers to Buddha images and pagodas dedicating to the Lord Buddha. Thus, people say that cultivation of flowery plants can gain merits as well as earn income.

*Myeik, 26 Nov—Flower growers cultivate various species of Gandamar (Chrysanthemum) in Myeik Township of Taninthayi Region in this cold season and they get good prices for flowers in the market.

That is why they emphasize cultivation of Pahteinngo flower on extended farmlands.

A vast area of farmlands are placed under Pahteinngo plants in Kasset, Kunthreechaung, Shanchaung and Ingamaw villages in Myeik Township.

Flower growers extend cultivation of not only Pahteinngo flowery plants (Chrysanthemum) but also Gandamar flowery plants which cover, the will embrace making shelters and side covers to be prevented the heavy rainfalls.

Thus, people say that flower growers extend cultivation of not only Gandamar flowery plants (Chrysanthemum) but also Pahteinngo flowery plants in Myeik Township, said a flower grower.

**Free medical service provided to people in Nawngkhio**

*Nawngkhio, 26 Nov—To mark the birthday, Dr Moe Myat Aung of Nawngkhio sponsored medical treatment for the local people.

Nawngkhio Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and PyinOoLwin Arojam Specialist Hospital together with 45 specialists and nurses from No 1 Military Hospital (700-bed) gave health care service to the people free of charge on 23 November.

Township Administrator U Moe Htet of Nawngkhio Township General Administration Department and staff, members of Women’s Affairs Organization and MCWA, departmental officials and members of Fire Brigade participated in health care services.

The specialists team gave medical treatment to over 700 people.

**Transport**

**Myeik-Taninthayi-Mawtaung road extended**

*Myeik, 26 Nov—Under the supervision of Engineer U Thura of Road and Bridge Department of District Public Works, the road between Mayinngephyha and Shwedu villages were extended on 24 November. The Myeik-Taninthayi Road between mile post 7 miles and seven furlongs to 33 miles and five furlongs was repaved in Myeik Township. The road was expanded with three feet wide pedestrian way on both sides. The drains were also dredged along both sides of the road.

The corporation used stone grinding machines for construction of the roads and produced various sizes of gravels.—Kyemon-Moe Hein (Myeik)
**New Light of Myanmar**

**REGIONAL**

**Police detain nine after Qingdao oil blasts**

A worker cleans up leaked oil after last week’s explosion of a Sinopec Corp oil pipeline in Huangdao, Qingdao, Shandong Province on 25 Nov, 2013. **Reuters**

Chinese police have detained nine people in connection with oil pipeline explosions last week that killed 55 people in the eastern port city of Qingdao, state media reported on Tuesday.

Seven of the detained worked for Sinopec, which owns the pipeline, and two were from the city’s economic and technological development zone, the Xinhua news agency said, quoting police.

The blasts forced Sinopec, Asia’s top oil refiner, to cut production for at least two of its refineries in China’s eastern Shandong Province, according to industry sources. Oil traders also expected Sinopec to cut back on crude purchases while a backlog of tankers outside one port clears.

The explosions, caused by crude oil leaking into the city’s storm drains, left a gaping crater in a major street, overturned scores of cars and shattered windows at nearby buildings. More than 160 people were injured and nine were reported missing.

The accident resulted from a “very serious derection of duty”, the Shuanghui Daily quoted Yang Dongliang, director of the State Administration of Work Safety, as saying.

The layout of oil pipelines and urban drainage pipes was unreasonable, pipeline supervision was negligent and oil leakage before the blasts was handled unprofessionally, Yang was quoted as saying.

Initial reports said there was one explosion, but Xinhua later said the leak triggered two blasts, one near the leaking pipeline and the other close to where the drainage pipe empties into the sea.

Sinopec, or China Petroleum & Chemical Corp, has apologized for the explosions, which constituted its deadliest accident and one of the worst publicly reported industrial disasters in China this year.

Sinopec’s refineries affected by the accident are relying on crude stockpiles and alternative pipelines for now. **Reuters**

**Floods hit Southern Thailand, killing two**

Bangkok, 26 Nov — Two people have been killed over the past few days by the heavy flooding in several southern provinces of Thailand, the Nation newspaper reported on Monday.

An eight-year-old boy was washed away in a flash flood in Surat Thani’s Tha Chana district Saturday afternoon. His body was found 100 metres downstream on Sunday.

He was the first casualty of the current flooding in the south. A man was later reportedly drowned in Phatthalung province while fishing at a lake.

Following several days of torrential rains, four districts of Surat Thani Province were declared disaster zones with 4,070 households affected and 41 roads and 21 bridges left damaged or impassable. The total damage was estimated at 21 million baht. **Xinhua**

**New Zealand, Vietnam agree on new defence arrangement**

Wellington, 26 Nov — New Zealand and Vietnam have signed a new defence cooperation arrangement setting out a non-binding framework for visits, exercises, exchanges and other contacts, the New Zealand government announced on Tuesday.

“The Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Co-operation formalizes our relationship and provides a strong framework to enhance future defence co-operation in areas of mutual interest. It also forms the basis of another important strand in the wider New Zealand-Vietnam relationship,” Defence Minister Jonathan Coleman, who is visiting Vietnam, said in a statement from his office.

“New Zealand has an important stake in the security of the Asia-Pacific region. We are committed to participating in multilateral forums such as the ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting Plus. We value our defence relationship with our ASEAN partners which contribute to New Zealand’s security interests in the region, and support our wider political and economic interests.”

Coleman signed the memorandum of understanding with Vietnamese Minister of National Defence General Phung Quang Thanh. The arrangement followed General Thanh’s visit to New Zealand in March when initial discussions were held. **Xinhua**

**Bangladesh to vote 5 January for new Parliament**

Dhaka, 26 Nov — Bangladesh’s 10th parliamentary election will be held on 5 January next year, Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmed announced on radio and television on Monday evening.

The final day for nominations will be 2 December, scrutiny of nominations will be on 5 and 6 December and 13 December will be the last date to withdraw nominations, the commissioner said.

Earlier, the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party and its allies had threatened to “cripple the country” if the poll was called before the installation of a non-party government to oversee the campaign and voting, but the ruling Awami League and its allies formed a polls-time government last Friday anyway. **Kyodo News**

**India prepares for landfall of second cyclone storm within week**

New Delhi, 26 Nov — India is preparing for the landfall of another stronger cyclone expected on Thursday at its southeastern coast, days after being hit by a storm in the same area last week, said local media on Tuesday.

The eastern state of Odisha has asked officials of its 10 coastal and southern districts to remain alert as cyclone “Lehar” over the Bay of Bengal is likely to intensify into a severe cyclonic storm, while the neighbouring state of Andhra Pradesh is also on alert after being hit by a storm last week, said the Times of India.

The states also have asked fishermen who are out at sea to return to safer places. “Lehar” hit the Indian territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the Indian Ocean with a wind speed of over 110 km an hour on Sunday, and lay centred about 1,000 km southeast of Gopalpur off the Odisha coast on Monday night, said meteorological officials.

It would intensify further into a severe cyclonic storm and move west-north-westwards and cross the state of Andhra Pradesh coast between Machilipatnam and Kalinagapuram near Kakinada around noon on Thursday, the meteorological officials said. **Xinhua**

**12 China-made Z-9 helicopters delivered to Cambodia**

Beijing, 26 Nov — Twelve Chinese-built Zhi-9 (Z-9) utility helicopters were delivered to the Royal Cambodian Air Force in Cambodian capital Phnom Penh at the handover ceremony on 25th November. The helicopters will be used to serve training in order to strengthen capacity for the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces in defending territorial integrity and in cracking down on offenses in remote areas. They will also be used for humanitarian activities such as disasters. The Z-9 helicopters were purchased from the China National Aero-Technology Import and Export Corporation (CATIC). **Xinhua**
**Claims Day Notice**

**MV Morotai Voy NO (222)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MOROTAI VOY NO (222) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.11.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**Claiming Agency Department**

Myanmar Port Authority

Agent for: M/S G-Link Express Pte Ltd

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

**Claims Day Notice**

**MV Dong Bang Giant NO-3 Voy NO (-)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DONG BANG GIANT NO-3 VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.11.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**Claiming Agency Department**

Myanmar Port Authority

Agent for: M/S I Can Co Ltd

Phone No: 256924/256914

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**Mortar attack in Syria’s Aleppo kills 11 people**

DAMASCUS, 26 Nov—At least 11 people were killed on Monday in a mortar attack that struck Syria’s northern city of Aleppo, the state-run SANA news agency reported. The attack targeted the al-Jamilieh neighbourhood, said SANA, adding that 20 others were wounded.

The incident came as the clashes between the Syrian troops and the rebels intensified recently, especially in the southeastern countryside of Aleppo. SANA said Monday’s attack was carried out by “terrorists,” referring to the al-Qaeda-linked rebels. In the capital Damascus, two people were injured by a fresh mortar attack against three neighbourhoods.

Xinhua

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**Golden Anniversary Wishes to “The World’s Most Loving Couple”**

From All the MRA Brothers, Sisters and Families

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**Claims Day Notice**

**MV Phuong Nam 69 Voy NO (-)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PHUONG NAM 69 VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.11.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W-1 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

**Claiming Agency Department**

Myanmar Port Authority

Agent for: M/S G-Link Express Pte Ltd

Phone No: 256924/256914

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**Claims Day Notice**

**MV Chang Da Long Voy NO (2)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV CHANG DA LONG VOY NO (2) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.11.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**Claiming Agency Department**

Myanmar Port Authority

Agent for: M/S Sinor Lines PTE Ltd

(SP’ORE)

Phone No: 256924/256914

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**Claims Day Notice**

**MV Malacca Highway Voy NO (1685)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MALACCA HIGHWAY VOY NO (1685) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.11.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**Claiming Agency Department**

Myanmar Port Authority

Agent for: M/S K Line Tokyo, Japan

Phone No: 256924/256914

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Behind every great man there’s a great woman.
Stars of ‘Anchorman 2’ hit burgundy carpet in Australia premiere

SYDNEY, 26 Nov — Will Ferrell and the rest of the cast of “Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues” crossed live to Australia on Sunday, walking down a burgundy carpet at the comedy’s premiere in Sydney to the cheers of swarming fans. Following the news team as they adapt to working for her 2012 record “Red,” rock artist, female country artist and country album for artist of the year, favourite country artist — female, favourite country album for “Red” and favorite female pop/rock at American Music Awards

Taylor Swift sweeps top prize at American Music Awards

LOS ANGELES, 26 Nov — Thousands of fans of the Fox animated comedy series “Family Guy” signed a petition on Monday demanding that the network and show’s creator bring back a beloved talking-dog character whose death stunned viewers in the latest episode. Brian Griffin, the character voiced by “Family Guy” creator Seth MacFarlane, was killed off in Sunday’s episode titled “Life of Brian,” after being hit by a car. By Monday night, some 14,000 fans of the show were campaigning on petition site Change.org to resurrect the character.

Brian, an unconventional family dog that talks, drinks alcohol, dates women and is an aspiring novelist, has been a major character since the pilot of “Family Guy” in 1999, appearing in more than 200 episodes. The show, which is set around bumblingbuf-foon dad Peter Griffin, his feisty wife, Lois, teenage children Chris and Meg, and Machiavellian baby Stewie, is known for its raunchy humor and often draws criticism from watchdog groups such as the Parents Television Council. Episodes often feature characters in compromising or inappropriate situations. The Emmy-nominated series is in its 12th season and averages 6 million viewers an episode.

In Sunday’s episode, the Griffin family is left distraught as Brian dies with the poignant final words: “You’ve given me a wonderful life. I love you all.” The family hold a funeral and shared memories of its beloved four-legged friend, with Peter saying, “Brian wasn’t just my dog, he was my best friend in the whole world.” Later in the episode, the family adopts a new dog, smart-talking Vinny, voiced by “The Sopranos” actor Tony Sirico, who quickly becomes a part of the family, even winning over Stewie by the end of the show. Representatives of the Fox show declined to comment to Reuters on Brian’s death.

‘Family Guy’ fans start petition to resurrect show’s beloved talking dog

LOS ANGELES, 26 Nov — Will Ferrell, appearing as movie character Ron Burgundy, arrives at the 2013 MTV Europe Music Awards at the Ziggo Dome in Amsterdam on 10 Nov, 2013. Reuters

‘Hunger Games’ designer finds high-fashion muse in Katniss Everdeen

LOS ANGELES, 26 Nov — Attniss Everdeen not only wields the bow and arrow of hope in “Catching Fire,” the second installment of “The Hunger Games” film franchise, she is also the muse of a new high-fashion line that carries the film’s fictional world of the Capitol beyond the screen. “Catching Fire” costume designer Trish Summerville’s 16-piece collection was launched on Monday for luxury online retailer Net-A-Porter, aptly labeled Capitol Couture.

The collection of clothes and accessories are drawn from Summerville’s designs for Katniss, the stoic heroine played by Oscar-winner Jennifer Lawrence. The designer also hopes Capitol Couture will attract the website’s high-fashion clientele to the series of young adult films. “For a Net-A-Porter client that is interested in our line, it piques their interest if they don’t know the film, they’ll go then see the film,” the designer said.

“Catching Fire,” out in theaters last week, sees Katniss become a symbol of revolution against the oppressive Capitol government ruling the fictional world of Panem, and has already stormed the box office with more than $307 million worldwide. Hollywood films have often partnered with big brands to promote new releases. “Catching Fire” distributor Lions Gate spent roughly $55 million on marketing for the film, including deals with Subway fast-food restaurants and Procter & Gamble’s CoverGirl cosmetics.

Reuters

‘New Light of Myanmar’ fans start petition to resurrect show’s beloved talking dog

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Paralympics boosts profile of disabled but no panacea

LONDON, 26 Nov — Walking with Paralympic Gold Medalist Tim Pendergast along one of London’s busiest streets, “disability” is not the first word that springs to mind. Weaving through the heaving crowds outside Baker Street underground train station, Pendergast, who is blind except for peripheral vision, crosses a road without pause — exhibiting the focused confidence that led him to victory in the T13 800m in Athens in 2004 with a time of 1:56.23.

“People make assumptions. In fact, some people will grab your arm and move you around,” said Pendergast, who says he never uses a cane. “They have good intentions, so you can’t get cross, but it’s patronizing.” The 2012 London Paralympics, with an estimated international television audience of 3.4 billion, raised awareness of disabilities and turned some competitors into heroes and heroines. But it was no panacea for the often fraught social interactions that people like Pendergast face on a daily basis. Research clearly shows that the games had a positive impact on peoples’ perceptions of disability,” said Craig Spence, head of communications at the International Paralympics Committee. “But there is still a significant challenge...in bridging the gap between peoples’ perception of disabled athletes and their attitudes to disabled people in everyday life.

“The game is a means to an end. It is a way to inspire people to support the athletes financially and throughout their lives,” added Mary Frazer, Community Relations of communications at the disability charity Scope. She said the games are a way to open up dialogue but it is now up to society to carry that legacy forward.”

Barcelona record and injuries are on Martino’s mind

Barcelona’s coach Gerardo Martino reacts during their Champions League soccer match against AC Milan at the San Siro stadium in Milan, on 22 Oct, 2013. Reuters

Barcelona’s coach Gerardo Martino has an injury crisis on his hands after his 2011-12 Champions League winners were blown out of the competition with a 2-0 defeat to AC Milan on Tuesday night. “We need to keep winning and improving so that we can achieve what the club has done recently and what is expected of us,” the coach told reporters on Monday. ""It is difficult for me to judge what the team was like before I was here. We need to keep winning and improving so that we can achieve what the club has done recently and what is expected of us," Barca always go out to win, said the Argentine, adding: That is what we will do against Ajax.

Kobe gets 2-year extension from Lakers

WASHINGTON, 26 Nov — Kobe Bryant inked a two-year contract extension with the Los Angeles Lakers on Monday. The 35-year-old star would reportedly receive a $48.5 million dollar from the extension with the Los Angeles Lakers on Monday. The 35-year-old star would reportedly receive a $48.5 million dollar from the extension with the Los Angeles Lakers on Monday. Kobe Bryant, who is blind except for peripheral vision, crosses a road without pause — exhibiting the focused confidence that led him to victory in the T13 800m in Athens in 2004 with a time of 1:56.23.

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Toronto Maple Leafs’ Mikhail Grabovski falls during a breakaway against the Florida Panthers in the second period of their NHL hockey game in Toronto on 26 March, 2013. — Reuters

Messi out for rest of year due to hamstring injury

MADRID, 26 Nov — Lionel Messi, the four-time world player of the year, will be ruled out for the rest of the year due to a hamstring injury, said Barcelon coach Gerardo Martino on Monday.

Barcelona will have a Champions League clash with Ajax on Tuesday and Messi had scored a hat-trick in Barca’s 4-0 win when the two sides last met in September. Martino recognized Messi’s absence will be a boost for any side that face Barcelona between now and his return. However, he was still confident that Barcelona will get at least a point they need to guarantee first place in Group H.

“I have said already this week that without Messi we have lost the best player in the world and that happens. The Kobe was a Lakers no-tie at Ajax Amsterdam. Lionel Messi, Xavi and Victor Valdes lead a long list of players in the treatment room while Alexis Sanchez is suspended for a Group H match in which leaders Barca need a point to qualify for the last 16. By avoiding defeat Martino will also tie the club’s longest unbeaten opening to a campaign - 21 matches set by Pep Guardiola’s 2011-12 side. There are going to be comparisons with recent years especially with the results we have been having recently,” the coach told reporters on Monday. ""It is difficult for me to judge what the team was like before I was here. We need to keep winning and improving so that we can achieve what the club has done recently and what is expected of us," Barca always go out to win, said the Argentine, adding: That is what we will do against Ajax. If you are without players like Messi, Xavi, Jordi Alba it is not as easy but I have belief in the players and I will put out the best side I can.

"If you are missing the best player (Messi) then it is a benefit for the other side but we have a big and strong enough squad to cope. It is not such a big problem." While Barca have several options going forward, they will be forced to field a makeshift defense with full backs Alba, Adriano and Dani Alves all injured. It means that center half Carles Puyol could play on the right and Martin Montoya on the left.

Canadian teams top Forbes’ most valuable list

TORONTO, 26 Nov — Canadian teams dominated the top end of Forbes annual list of the National Basketball Association’s (NBA) most valuable franchises on Monday with the Toronto Maple Leafs leading the pack for an eighth consecutive year. For the first time since Forbes began ranking NHL team valuations in 1998, three of the league’s five most valuable franchises are Canadian.

The Toronto Maple Leafs were deemed the most valuable at $1.15 billion, a 15 percent jump from last year, while the Montreal Canadiens ($775 million) and Vancouver Canucks ($700 million) were third and fourth, respectively, in the survey. The New York Rangers ($850 million) were second on the list while the defending Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks ($625 million) rounded out the top five. The NHL’s 30 teams are worth an average $413 million, a 46 percent rise over last year but still below the average values of franchises in the other major North American sports leagues. Forbes has previously said teams in the National Football League are worth an average of $1.17 billion, followed by teams in Major League Baseball ($744 million) and the National Basketball Association ($509 million).
EU to tighten corporate rules to tackle tax avoidance

BRUSSELS, 26 Nov — The European Union (EU) on Monday proposed amendments to key EU corporate tax legislation in order to combat tax avoidance. The proposal from the European Commission is expected to close loopholes in the Parent-Subsidiary Directive, which some companies have been using to escape taxation, according to a press release of the Commission.

In particular, companies will no longer be able to exploit differences in the way intra-group payments are taxed across the EU to avoid paying any tax at all,” said the Press release.

The Directive was designed to eliminate tax obstacles for profit distributions paid by subsidiary companies to their parent companies. The revision of the Parent-Subsidiary proposal, such as the situation and forgetting you don’t have a Christmas like the Spanish players, the Italian players, the German players. “It’s a period like where I think the squad can play a role, not just the team,” said Mourinho who is in his second spell with Chelsea.

“I enjoyed it when I was in England before and missed it in Spain and Italy. If we can finish the job tomorrow we could say instead of nine matches we have eight. “I keep repeating to the players that this is the moment where everybody has a chance to feel important and has a chance to show what they can do, even the people who don’t play a lot of course play in this period.” — Reuters

NEWLY REAPPPOINTED Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho reacts during a news conference at Stamford Bridge stadium in London on December 17, 2013. — Reuters

“Newly reappointed Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho can’t wait to get claws into Christmas”

Cuba, Russia to boost energy cooperation

HAVANA, 26 Nov — Cuban leader Raul Castro expressed his interest in boosting bilateral cooperation in oil and energy with Russia when meeting Russian oil firm Rosneft President Igor Sechin over the weekend, state media reported on Monday.

Castro and Sechin discussed their shared interest in increasing collaboration in the energy sector when they held a “cordial” meeting Saturday, the official daily Granma said.

Cuba estimates that it has a potential reserve of 20 billion barrels of oil to be extracted from its territorial Gulf of Mexico waters, though the US Geological Survey estimates a modest 5 billion to 9 billion barrels.

During the first five months of 2013, Russian state-run company Zarubezhneft unsuccessfully searched for oil at the “L” block in Cuba’s Exclusive Economic Zone in the gulf, located north of the central province of Ciego de Avil, with the help of the Soviet-made and Norwegian-owned platform Songga Mercur. Cuba’s state-run Cubapetroleos and its Russian counterpart have planned to drill again in the same area starting in January 2014. — Xinhua

ASLEEP IN JESUS

U Saw Mg Si (Layainsu)
Age (81) years

Ayeyawaddy Region, Maubin Township, Layainsu village, the third son of (U Poe Aung & Daw Say Paw), husband of Naw Eh Paw, father of Naw Eh Shee Lar & Saw Maw Lel, Naw Eh Moona & Saw Jaw Lay, (Saw David) & Naw Htoo Paw, Saw Say Thaw & Naw Kyu Kyu Thin, Naw Htoo Hsa, E Hsa Tun & Donald Tun (Sydney, Australia), Saw Eh K’ Sal Htoo & Naw Mu Gay, Saw Eh K’ Sal Say & Mura (Sydney, Australia) Grandfather of 21 grandchildren has passed away on 19 November 2013 Tuesday morning at 0015 hr. Funeral ceremony was held on 21 November 2013 at 10am at Ywar Thit Baptist Church, Layainsu.
President U Thein Sein accepts Credentials of Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—Mr. Abdelilah El Houusi, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco 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 Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw at 11:30 am today. Present on the occasion were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Winna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung and Director-General U Thurain Thant Zin of the Protocol Department.—MNA

Instigators, rioters and masterminds face charges in Thandwe violence

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—Special investigation teams were formed to expose instigators, rioters and masterminds who got involved in the violence in Thandwe of Rakhine State in September 2013 and 102 suspects were detained in connection with the incidents occurred up to 22 November and charged on 19 counts. Nine out of them were found not guilty and released, but charges were brought against the remaining 93 suspects. According to investigations, 71 have been charged as absconders. Actions are being taken against those who face charges in accord with the law and investigation is ongoing to capture absconders by Myanmar Police Force and authorities concerned in cooperation with the people. —MNA

Thai police seek arrest warrant against protest leader

BANGKOK, 26 Nov—Thai police on Tuesday sought an arrest warrant against Suthep Thaugsuban, key organizer of the ongoing anti-government movement for leading protesters to occupy several ministries and state agencies. Suthep is accused of agitating public to intrude into the Finance Ministry and Foreign Ministry and their affiliated agencies. He vowed Tuesday to stay put inside the compound of the Finance Ministry, making it another stronghold of the prolonged rallies.

The former Democrat MP said he was not worried by the government’s threat of legal actions against him and other protest leaders. The Anti-government protesters said on Tuesday that they plan lay siege to four more ministries, the Bangkok Post reported. —Xinhua

LEHAR coded yellow stage not move to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov—According to the observations at (18:30) hrs MST today, the very severe cyclonic storm “LEHAR” over Southeast Bay moved to Southeast Bay and adjoining West Central Bay of Bengal and centered at about (250) miles North-west of Port Blair (Andaman Island), India and about (280) miles South-west of Cocogyun and about (410) miles South-west of Pathein, Myanmar. It is forecast to move West-Northwest wards.

The present stage of the very 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 cyclone.—MNA

WITH STRENGTHENED NATIONALISM

* Myanmar had her own monarchs in history
  Though stood tall in unity and solidarity
  Imperialists rudely waged the three aggressive wars
  And annexed Myanmar for over hundred years.

* Colonialists resorted to tricks to prolong enslavement
  And the nation lagged behind in development
  They moved to introduce the colonial education that would cause economic privation and exploitation.

* On Tenth Waning of Tazaungmon on calendar
  In the year 1282 of Myanmar Era
  Coincided with Fifth December in 1920 A.D.
  Rangoon University Act was boycotted in unity.

* T’s a day of profound political significance
  Foundation was laid for struggle for independence
  National Day was set aside to remember
  How national patriotic spirit is highlighted forever.

* National Patriotic spirit should be kept alive
  Independence shall be preserved with all might
  To stand proudly in the world community
  Must uplift the national unity and integrity.

* To safeguard our cherished independence and sovereignty
  Is all the entire people’s inborn duty
  On the significant 93rd Anniversary National Day
  Let’s renew our pledge in solemn way!

Maung Swe Ngae

Myanmar men’s football team included in Group (B)

YANGON, 26 Nov—Myanmar will take part in the football tournament of the XXVII SEA Games together with Indonesia, Timor-Leste, Thailand and Cambodia in Group (B). Group Fixtures:

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