Five new international-class hotels opened in Nay Pyi Taw

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 Nov—Five new world-class hotels were opened in Nay Pyi Taw today for convenience of local and foreign guests who will come to the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar soon.

The ceremony was attended by Union Ministers U Thein Nyunt, U Myint Hlaing, U Tint Hsan, U Aye Myint Kyu and U Htay Aung, deputy ministers Dr Tin Shwe and Dr Aung Myat Oo, the Nay Pyi Taw Council members, departmental heads, entrepreneurs and guests.

On the occasion, the Union Ministers, deputy ministers and officials opened Mingalarthiri Hotel, Excel Capital Hotel, Mann Myanmar Hotel, New Ayeyar Hotel and Jade City Hotel.

New Ayeyar Hotel, located at No 16 (A) on B 4th Street of Nay Pyi Taw Circular Road in Hotel Zone 3 of Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, was opened at 11 am today.

Union Ministers U Myint Hlaing and U Htay Aung and Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area Special Development Supervisory Committee U Kan Chun and officials attended the opening ceremony.

The Union ministers, responsible persons of New Ayeyar Co and officials cut the ribbon to open the hotel.

Union Minister U Htay Aung unveiled the signboard of the hotel.

In addition, the Feel Restaurant located at the junction of Pankhin road and Thabyay road in Pyinmana was also opened this morning.

Royal Golden Lotus Hotel and Famous Parami Hotel in Dekkhinathiri Township are scheduled to be opened on 30 November.

Main building of Mingalarthiri Hotel in Hotel Zone in Dekkhinathiri Township covers presidential room, royal executive room, standard room and Biz suite. As first phase, it opens 148 rooms and 70 villa rooms. Excel Capital Hotel with 85 rooms has a ballroom that can hold 500 audiences.

Mann Myanmar Hotel has 138 rooms, New Ayeyar Hotel, 88 rooms and Jade City Hotel, 141 rooms.

Cyclonic storm LEHAR not likely to move towards Myanmar

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 Nov—According to the observations at (17:30) hrs MST today, the very severe cyclonic storm “LEHAR” over West Central Bay of Bengal has centered at about (250) miles Southeast of Visakhapatnam, about (300) miles Southeast of Machilipatnam, India and about (425) miles West-Northwest of Cocosyin, Myanmar. It is forecast to move West-Northwest wards and cross Andhra Pradesh Coast near Machilipatnam, India within next 24 hrs.

Under the influence of the very severe cyclonic storm, rain or thunder-showers will be isolated to scattered in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States.

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 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
Myeik Township observes 93rd National Day

93rd Anniversary National Day observed at Myeik BEHS No 3 in Taninthayi Region.

Winners awarded in essay contest to mark 93rd Anniversary National Day

YANGON, 27 Nov—A prize presentation ceremony to the winner students in the essay contest to mark the 93rd Anniversary National Day took place at the hall of No.1 Basic Education High School, Kyauktada Township, here this morning.

At the ceremony, Kyauktada Township Administrator U Myo Naing read a message sent by the President U Thein Sein on the occasion of the National Day.

The Township administrator presented prizes to the high school-level winners in essay contest, Township Education Officer Daw Su Su Hlaing, the middle school-level winners and Headmistress Daw Khin Sein Myint, the primary-level winners.

Regional Development tasks discussed in Mohnyin Township

MOHNYIN, 27 Nov—Mohnyin Township Development Implementation Committee held its coordination meeting at Mohnyin Township MP’s office in Kachin State yesterday.

Those present discussed prioritized tasks for regional development and tasks to be implemented during the 2013-2014 FY.

It was attended by Chairman of the team Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Soe Lay, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative (No. 5 Constituency) U Sai Tin Aung, MP U Pe Thaung (No. 6 Constituency), State Hluttaw representative U Nyi Lay, Township Administrator U Myat Yu, District/ Township level officials and Responsible persons from Township Management Committee, Township Development Supportive Committee and Township Development Affairs Committee.

Traffic Accident

The 3rd Anniversary of National Day was held at No.2 Basic Education High School in Yankin Township on 27 November. Township Administrator U Win Aung of General Administration Department read out the message sent by President U Thein Sein to the National Day ceremony.

Kyemon—Than Maung (Yankin)

Plunge of bus leaves eight injured

YANGON, 27 Nov—Eight people were injured in the vehicle overturn in front of Township Myothit Police Station on Bago River Road in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, here yesterday evening.

A Toyota Dyna passenger bus heading for the west from the east loading with passengers plunged into a roadside due to out of control. Passengers Daw Mya Thida Oo, 43, Daw Cho Cho Wai Lwin, 27, Ma Aye Aye Khaing, 14, Daw Thanda Oo, 38, Daw Khin Lay Hlaing, 33, Daw Nila Aung, 39, Daw Khin Aye Thet, 24 and Daw Khin Hla are under medical treatment at Sempya General Hospital.

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Traffic Police Inspector Thida Tun filed a lawsuit against the driver and bus conductor (under investigation) and the action is being taken by Dagon Myothit Seikkan Myoma Police Station.

Kyemon-512

A truck over-turns at mile post 27/1 on Pathein-Yangon Road near Duka Bridge in Kangyidaunt Township at 3 am on 21 November.

KYEMON-MAUNG SAY AUNG

Photo shows a bus plunges into drain in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township.
Law enacted to create Japanese NSC

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CAIRO, 27 Nov — An Egyptian prosecutor has ordered the arrest of two leading activists for inciting protests, a source in the prosecutor’s office said on Wednesday, including one whose group helped lead the revolt that ousted Hosni Mubarak.

The arrests of Ahmed Maher, head of the April youth movement, and activist Alaa Abdel Fattah were ordered after they took part in demonstrations outside parliament on Tuesday that defied a new law that restricts protests.

Twenty-four other activists were detained on Tuesday for four days pending investigation of allegations of thuggery, attacking public employees, stealing wireless devices and protesting without permission from the Interior Ministry, said the source.

The new law, passed by the army-backed government on Sunday, has angered some Egyptians and drawn fire from human rights groups who describe it as a major blow to freeedom in the most populous Arab country. Egypt has experienced some of its worst civilian violence in decades after the army, prompted by mass protests, ousted the country’s first democratically elected leader, Mohamed Mursi, on 3 July.

It has since introduced a political roadmap meant to lead to new elections next year. Liberals and activists, who backed Mursi’s overthrow, are now becoming more vocal against the military-backed leader, which has sparked a security crackdown against Islamists.

Hundres have been killed and over 2,000 arrested, including Mursi and the leadership of his Muslim Brotherhood group, who won every election since Mubarak’s downfall.

Pro-democracy activists have called for new demonstrations in central Cairo on Wednesday to focus attention on the law.

Japan airlines to stop giving China flight plans through air defence zone

Tokyo, 27 Nov — Japan’s two biggest airlines, ANA Holdings and Japan Airlines, said they had agreed to a Japanese government request to stop filing flight plans demanded by China on routes through a new air defence zone it established on Saturday.

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The House of Councillors passes a bill to create a Japanese version of the US National Security Council during a plenary session in Tokyo on 27 Nov, 2013. The bill was enacted into law to give the prime minister’s office greater power in crafting foreign and defence policies to tackle security threats in Asia.

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The Philippine Congress enacted a law to create a Japanese version of the US National Security Council to give the prime minister’s office greater power in crafting foreign and defence policies to tackle security threats in Asia. The NSC, whose headquarters will be set up within the Cabinet Secretariat, is designed to bolster coordination and avoid sectionalism among the ministries and government agencies concerned.

Under the new framework, the prime minister will meet with the chief Cabinet secretary and the foreign and defence ministers twice a month to discuss a range of diplomacy and defence issues.

Shotaro Yachi, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s foreign policy adviser, is expected to serve as head of the organization with around 60 staff members, government officials said.

The enactment of the bill came after the ruling bloc hastily passed a bill in the lower house to impose tougher penalties on leakers of state secrets, even as concerns persist that the public’s right to know and freedom of the Press will be compromised by tougher state control of information.

Abe has said the secrecy law will enable the NSC to function effectively, as having a legal framework for preventing leaks of state secrets is a prerequisite for Japan to share sensitive information about security with other countries, namely the United States.

The upper house of parliament started deliberating the controversial bill for the secrecy laws on Wednesday, as Abe sought to ease public concerns to pave the way for enactment before the current extraordinary Diet session ends on 6 December. “We will respect the public’s right to know and protect special secrets at the same time,” Abe told members of the upper house. “The right to know won’t be compromised.”

Critics of the bill have argued that Cabinet ministers and government agency chiefs who are authorized to choose special secrets can withhold as much information as possible because the definition of what falls under the category of special secrets remains vague.

Abe said the bill will put in place a “multilayered” oversight system, and criticism that the designation of special secrets will be arbitrary is not warranted.

Under the envisaged law, special secrets—information concerning diplomacy, defence, counter-terrorism and counter-espionage — will remain for up to 60 years with some exceptions. Leakers such as civil servants will face up to 10 years in prison.

The Philippine Senate approves $2.28 billion reconstruction budget

Manila, 27 Nov — The Philippine Congress set up a reconstruction fund of 100 billion pesos ($2.28 billion) on Tuesday after approving next year’s 2.2 trillion peso national budget, 13 percent higher than this year’s figure.

Wide areas in the central Philippines were devastated by typhoon Hayan, the world’s biggest ever storm to make landfall, that struck on 8 November, killing more than 5,200 people and displacing millions.

The UN humanitarian office has been raising $348 million to sustain emergency relief and plans long-term reconstruction of island and coastal communities.

“The cataclysmic force that hit our country requires a serious response to influence significant rehabilitation and reconstruction of the communities battered by catastrophes,” Francis Escudero, head of the Senate finance panel, told reporters after the budget was approved.

“We need to infuse a major financial foundation to recoup and retain the physical, economic and social viability of these communities,” Escudero said congressional approval gave the government more flexibility to respond to future natural disasters as well as rebuild communities destroyed by the typhoon and a magnitude 7.2 earthquake on central Bohol island in October.

The government allocated 7.5 billion pesos in calamity funds for this year. The Senate raised the fund to 20 billion pesos for next year and added another 80 billion pesos in a standby facility to address reconstruction needs.

Earlier, the lower house approved a similar measure. The national expenditure law is expected to be signed into law by the president next month.

Escudero said Congress was also rushing to draft a 14.6 billion pesos supplementary budget for this year, allowing the government to sustain relief operations.

The UN and other international aid agencies are helping the government draw up a long-term reconstruction plan, including the building of typhoon-resistant schools and homes.

An initial plan will be presented at a cabinet meeting on Wednesday. A national disaster agency official said it would take two to five years to complete the rehabilitation of typhoon-affected communities.

Japan ranked 1st in Asia in talent competitiveness

SINGAPORE, 27 Nov — Singapore is the only Asian country to make it to the world’s top 20 countries in terms of competitiveness in attracting, producing and retaining talent, according to a new index launched by INSEAD, a France-based business school on Tuesday.

Singapore topped the global ranking, with Singapore second and Denmark third.

“Singapore was the only Asian country to make it to the top 20,” said a press release, noting that Japan placed 21st, South Korea 28th and China 47th.

“These results, when compared to the respective income levels of those Asian countries, call for cautious optimism about their future talent equation,” it said. Paul Evans, academic director for the Global Talent Competitiveness Index at INSEAD, said at a news conference held at the NUS University in Singapore, “Japan actually comes out as a country of contrasts — very high internal competition, very strong clusters.

However, he added that compared to Singapore, Japan is much less open, and there are fewer people coming from abroad.

“There is much less international mobility there within the country so it comes across as a much more closed economy,” he said.

Kwan Chee Wei, chief executive officer at the Hult International Business School in Singapore, observed that Japan has “a very monocultural language in which,” which poses “a huge barrier” to non-Japanese speakers working in Japan.—Kyodo News

A damaged car is seen in typhoon-battered Palo, Leyte on 23 Nov, 2013.—Reuters

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China to send ‘jade rabbit’ buggy to the moon next month

BEIJING, 27 Nov—China will land its first probe on the moon in early December which will deploy a buggy rover to the lunar surface, making it the third country to achieve a soft landing on the moon. The United States and Russia, which have already landed rovers on the moon, are also planning missions. The buggy will be named “Yutu” (Jade Rabbit) after a lunar god in Chinese mythology.

In 2007, China launched its first moon orbiter, the Chang’e One, which sent images and data back to Earth. The Chang’e Three mission, named after the Chang’e Three mission to land on the moon, will carry a rover named “Yutu” to the moon’s surface. The rover will be equipped with sensors to map the surface and collect data about the moon’s composition.

Scientists will aim to carry out a soft landing and have the buggy rove around on the moon’s surface. The rover will also test deep space communication technologies. Advancing China’s space programme has been a priority for the leadership, with President Xi Jinping calling for China to establish itself as a space superpower. Scientists have discussed the possibility of sending a man to the moon some time after 2020. China successfully completed its latest manned space mission in June, when three astronauts spent 15 days in orbit and docked with an experimental space laboratory critical in Beijing’s quest to build a working space station by 2020.

China is still far from catching up with the established space powers, such as the United States and Russia, which have decades of experience. Advancing China’s space programme is for peaceful purposes, but the US Defence Department has highlighted China’s increasing space capabilities and said it was pursuing a variety of activities aimed at preventing its adversaries from using space-based assets during a crisis.

Archaeologists strip Xinjiang mummies to save ancient clothing

URUMQI, 27 Nov—Chinese archaeologists have carefully stripped the 2,200-year-old clothing from four mummies in order to prevent the delicate outfits from decaying with the dried corpses. Three skulls and four mandible bones of different sizes have been uncovered so far, leading archaeologists to believe they belonged to one man, two women, and a little boy.

“It may be a family buried together, including a husband and two wives with one child,” said Xu Denglai, head of the Xinjiang Academy of Sciences, who joined the undressing work, which started on 20 November.

Among the clothes were woolen pants, knitted mantles, fabric coats, silk scarves, and brightly-colored sheepskin boots, which offer a glimpse into the delicate handicrafts of that time, according to Xu. Inside the fabric coat, the adult male was wearing a brown and red belt made of leather and wool and decorated with green silk. The female mummies’ clothing were woolen coats outside with silk scarves underneath, as well as agate necklaces or waist accessories. An analysis of these items showed that the family was aristocratic, said Xu.

The mummies were unearthed from a cluster of ancient tombs found at a highway construction site in Xinjiang’s Uygur Autonomous Region in 2007. About 31 tombs containing clothed mummies, a large amount of silk cloth, woolen fabric and the world’s first artificial leg have so far been discovered at the site.

Laboratory tests confirmed the mummies were from the Western Han Dynasty period, dating back between 2,200 and 2,500 years. Xu said the four mummified bodies were packed together over thouands of years of floods and mudslides, which made it difficult to remove their clothing.

Wang Ziqiang, archaeologist with the China National Silk Museum, said that at times, the clothes had to be taken off, or else they would decay with the mummies. Wang said the clothes remained intact thanks to the climate and geographical features of Xinjiang. Xinjiang is known for its dry climate and sandy landforms. Ancient corpses from different dynasties dehydrated quickly and were therefore mummified naturally. The oldest mummy discovered so far dates back to 3,200 years ago. Wang said the mummies had badly decayed into pieces, with only messy skulls and backbones left, and further damage would be prevented if protective measures were not taken. “We have to separate the outfits from the mummies before there is nothing left,” he said.

Mobile network antennas are pictured atop the roof of a house in Vienna on 22 Oct, 2013.—Reuters

Life in the shadow of China’s Alibaba

SHANGHAI, 27 Nov—In a small research lab in Palo Alto, California, flanked by Hewlett-Packard Co and Stanford University, China’s largest electronics retailer is learning how to compete online.

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Alibaba founder Jack Ma gestures during a celebration of the 10th anniversary of Taobao Marketplace, China’s largest consumer-focused e-commerce website, in Hangzhou, on 10 May, 2013.—Reuters

H3G joins T-Mobile Austria in telco auction appeal

VIENNA, 27 Nov—Hutchison Whampoa’s Austrian telecoms unit said it would appeal against the result of a spectrum auction that cost the country’s three carriers 2 billion euros ($2.7 billion). The auction, Europe’s most expensive per head of population for fourth-generation (4G) frequencies, took place under strict conditions that allowed the parties no knowledge of each other’s bids to minimize the danger of collusion.

Deutsche Telekom’s T-Mobile Austria also plans a legal challenge, its chief executive has told Reuters, while Telekom Austria, the country’s biggest operator, says it will decide next month whether to appeal. Hutchison’s H3G, the smallest of Austria’s three carriers, came off worst in the 4G spectrum sale that also re-auctioned frequencies already in use, winning none of the most valuable 800 megahertz spectrum.

T-Mobile and H3G are appealing to the country’s highest constitutional and administrative courts to order a re-run of the auction, arguing that the conditions were designed to maximize profits and endangered competition. Each of the three parties was allowed to bid for up to 50 percent of the spectrum on sale, leading to the risk that one could have been shut out completely — although the regulator says it would never have allowed that to happen.

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“If you’re going to enter the online market and are thinking about competing with our Tmall and Taobao, that’s already a mistake,” Alibaba’s Chairman Jack Ma recently said at the firm’s Hangzhou headquarters. “Instead you should be trying to fill in the gaps that Alibaba hasn’t done so well.”

Set up by charismatic entrepreneur Ma, Alibaba accounts for half of online retail sales through its Tmall online market while its eBay-like Taobao also controls around 80 percent of consumer-to-consumer sales, according to data from consultancy Euromonitor. Alibaba is also poised to raise an initial public offering that could value the firm at more than $100 billion.

New York Times CEO says Chinese language site under review

NEW YORK, 27 Nov—New York Times Co Chief Executive Officer Mark Thompson said the publisher is going to keep all its money losing operations under review—including those in China — as he seeks to negotiate the newspaper’s increasing shift towards a digital landscape. The New York Times Chinese language website has been blocked in China ever since it published an article in October 2012 about the family wealth of Wen Jiabao, the former premier. Thompson said in an interview with Reuters on Tuesday that the website, which was launched in a beta version in June 2012, got off to an encouraging start.

“The fact that we can’t be seen officially inside China means the revenue is not as large as we would have wished it to have been,” he said. “If it’s a loss-making operation, they are all under constant review.” The Chinese site’s struggles are one of several hurdles Thompson faces a little more than a year after he became CEO. He was Director-General of the BBC from 2004 to 2012. Like other media organizations, Alibaba’s Chair man Jack Ma recently said at the firm’s Hangzhou headquarters. “Instead you should be trying to fill in the gaps that Alibaba hasn’t done so well.”

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**Ford recalls 2013 Escape SUVs for fire risk concern**

**Chicago, 27 Nov** — US leading auto-maker Ford Motor Corporation (Ford) said on Tuesday it is recalling two more types of the 2013 Ford Escape SUVs worldwide to fix oil and fuel leaks that may increase risks of engine fires, local media reported.

The recalls added to the bad safety record of the hot-selling 2013 model of the Escape, which now has had seven separate recalls since it went on sale in the spring of 2012, according to the Detroit News. Ford said it is recalling more than 161,000 Ford Escape SUVs from the 2013 model year with 1.6-liter, four-cylinder engines worldwide, of which, 140,000 sets were in the United States, as they may experience fires due to overheating of the engine cylinder head, which could cause cracks and allow oil to leak.

The auto-maker, based in Dearborn, a suburb of Detroit City in the US state of Michigan, said it had received 13 reports of fires caused by the problem mentioned above, but no injuries have been reported. Meanwhile, a second recall is issued to cover 11,821 sets of the 2013 Escapes worldwide, including 9,469 in the United States, because the engine compartment fuel line may have been installed improperly and could lead to a leak. No fires have been reported. SUV Owners will be notified by late January to take their vehicles to dealers for repairs free of charge, said sources from the auto maker. — Xinhua

**SolarWorld to take over solar plant from Bosch**

**Frankfurt, 27 Nov** — A leading German solar company confirmed on Tuesday that it would take over a solar plant from Bosch, a global supplier of technology and services.

SolarWorld said in a statement that it would take over the plant of Bosch in eastern Germany, but did not disclose the price of the takeover.

German media reported that the move might send a positive signal across the solar industry in Germany.

**HP enterprise sales pickup stirs turnaround hopes**

**San Francisco, 27 Nov** — Hewlett-Packard Co beat revenue forecasts as sales growth in its enterprise group inspired cautious optimism about the company’s turnaround plan, and its shares rallied more than 7 percent. Revenue from the sprawling enterprise group, which Chief Executive Meg Whitman is focused on expanding as personal computer sales crumble globally, climbed 2 percent, aided by a 10 percent rise in server sales and 3 percent growth of the networking business.

Wall Street had low expectations for HP following a disappointing third-quarter performance, and after rivals such as International Business Machines Corp and Cisco Systems Inc had reported poor results. The pickup in enterprise hardware revenue in the fiscal fourth quarter — coming after a 9 percent slide in sales from the same division in the previous three months — helped shore up confidence in Whitman’s turnaround effort. “I saw better-than-expected performance out of the enterprise group, which we expected to be weak given the results from peers such as IBM and Cisco,” said Edward Jones technology analyst Bill Kreher. “There is some hope, given that the company was able to jump over what was admittedly a pretty low hurdle.” He cautioned, though, that any signs of a turnaround will remain uneven. But the company’s operating margins eroded. Non-GAAP operating margin slipped to 9 percent in the quarter from 10.4 percent a year earlier, reflecting aggressive competition from rivals such as Dell Inc and Lenovo Inc.

Whitman, who took the helm of the world’s largest PC maker more than a year ago, is trying to wean the Silicon Valley icon off sales of personal computers. Last month, she told Wall Street she expects revenue to stabilize in 2014, with some areas of growth for the company.

**Studylinks high sodium “fizzy” medicines to raised heart risks**

**London, 27 Nov** — Millions of patients worldwide taking effervescent, dispersible and soluble medicines have an increased risk of heart attacks and strokes because of the high salt content of such drugs, scientists said on Wednesday.

Researchers from Britain’s University of Dundee and University College London found that with some “fizzy” versions of painkillers, vitamin supplements or other common medicines, taking the maximum daily dose would on its own exceed daily recommended limits for sodium, the main component of salt.

High salt intake has been linked to high blood pressure, or hypertension, which is a key risk factor for strokes, heart attacks and other cardiovascular diseases. In a study published in the British Medical Journal (BMJ), they found that patients taking dispersible forms of drugs had a 16 percent increased risk of a heart attack, stroke or vascular death compared with patients taking the non-high-sodium versions of the same medications.

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Jacob George, an honorary consultant in clinical pharmacology at Dundee who led the study, said patients, and consumers of over-the-counter medicines — such as soluble aspirin, or Bayer’s Alka Seltzer for example — “should be warned about the potential dangers” of high sodium intake in medicines.
Putin says EU should not criticize Russia over Ukraine

BERLIN, 27 Nov — Germen parties reached agreement on coalition early Wednesday after a long overnight negotiation. A new government, however, was not expected to be formed soon.

The agreement between Chancellor Angela Merkel’s conservative bloc of Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and its Bavarian allies Christian Social Union (CSU) and the center-left Social Democratic Party (SPD) included introducing national minimum wage, dual citizenship, and highway tolls for foreign autos, reported German Press Agency (DPA), citing insider sources.

Both sides also agreed to increase government spending by 23 billion euros by 2017 while rejected tax increases.

From January 2015, the new government would also make this was scheduled to be introduced. This was one of the core campaign targets of SPD, which was defeated in a federal election in September.

According to the agreement, among the additional spending, 5 billion euros would be spent for education, 3 billion euros for research and development and 5 billion for transport infrastructure investment.

Putin says EU should not criticize Russia over Ukraine

The head of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) German Chancellor Angela Merkel (R) and the head of the Christian Social Union (CSU) Horst Seehofer arrive for coalition talks with the Social Democratic Party (SPD) at the SPD headquarters in Berlin, on 26 Nov, 2013.—Reuters

Meanwhile, SPD made a concession so that there would not be tax increases. From 2015, the new government would also make no new debt.

Both sides also agreed on retirement at 63 years old after contributing pension for 45 years, as well as highway tolls for foreign autos, a claim by CSU in Bavaria.—Xinhua

The other recipient received a transfusion shortly after the HIV-positive man gave his blood in February.

Kyodo News

First book printed in America sells for record $14.2 million

NEW YORK, 27 Nov — The Bay Psalm Book, one of 11 surviving copies of the first book printed in America, sold for $14.2 million on Tuesday evening at Sotheby’s in New York, setting a new world auction record for any printed book.

Although it had been estimated to fetch up to $30 million, it easily surpassed the previous mark of $11.5 million, paid in December 2010 for John Audubon’s “Birds of America.”

An American businessman and philanthropist David Rubenstein purchased the book. He is the co-founder and co-chief executive officer of the US private equity firm Carlyle Group LP.

Sotheby’s said Rubenstein plans to loan it to libraries across the United States, before it will be put on long-term loan to one of them.

“We are thrilled that this book, which is so important to our history and culture, is destined to be widely seen by Americans who can appreciate its singular significance,” said David Redden, chairman of Sotheby’s books department.

“We are of course also thrilled to have achieved a new world auction record price for any printed book, which affirms that books remain a vital part of our culture,” he added in a statement.

Printed in 1640 in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the Bay Psalm is one of the rarest books in the world and among the finest surviving copies of original 1,700 that were printed.

It is also the first copy to be sold since 1947 when it set an auction record for a book at $151,000.

Boston’s Old South Church sold the Bay Psalm Book from its collection to cover the cost of building repairs and to fund its ministry. It is one of two owned by the church. Members of the church, a nonprofit organization dating back to 1669 that is a member of the Protestant denomination

ADB chief vows to take financial action in time of natural disasters

TOKYO, 27 Nov — Asian Development Bank chief Takehiko Nakao pledged on Wednesday that the bank will take financial action in times of natural disasters, such as offering emergency loans to promote reconstruction work in affected regions.

“It is clear that severe disasters are occurring at high frequency in the Asia-Pacific region” against a backdrop of global climate change, Nakao said in a speech in Tokyo, referring to super-typhoon Haiyan that killed thousands of people in the Philippines earlier this month.

“Disaster risk management, including preparedness, must be at the forefront of our planning,” he added.

The ADB has decided to provide $23 million in grants to the Philippines to address immediate needs and a $500 million emergency loan to help reconstruct communities ravaged by the typhoon known as Yolanda in the native.
**LOCAL NEWS**

**Stake driven for new Insein MEB Branch**

Yangon, 27 Nov—A ceremony to drive stake for construction of new branch of Insein Myanma Economic Bank under Ministry of Finance was held on Baho Road in West Yangon ward of Insein Township on 23 November.

Union Minister for Finance U Win Shin, Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint, Region Minister for Finance Daw San San Nwe, Region Minister for Planning and Economics U Than Myint, Amyotha Hluttaw MP U Nu and officials drove stakes for the building.

The bank branch will be built on the 120x80 feet area. On completion of the 80x60 feet two-storey RC building, the smooth and better banking services will be provided to the customers.

**Soonest completion of Manipura Multi-purpose Dam Project discussed**

Kalay, 27 Nov—With regard to implementation of Manipura Multi-purpose Dam Project, the Hydropower Implementation Department under the Ministry of Electric Power and Han Shin Co of Republic of Korea signed the MoU on 30 August 2011.

But, both sides have not yet signed the MoA.

The dam project will be implemented with least impact of environment for electrification of the local people. About 500 megawatts can be generated from the first choice area but the Union government and the region government coordinated to choose the second best place, said Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye, adding that the Union government and the region government are seeking the best way of implementing the project.

On completion, the dam project will contribute to uplifting living standard of the local people from Kalay and Gangaw regions and transforming the farming system to mechanized one. MMAL-ShinNay Min

**Two-storey school building opened**

Myaungmya, 27 Nov—A ceremony to open a two-storey building was held at No 2 Basic Education High School in Yadwgin Yegan Village-tract of Myaungmya Township in Ayeyawady Region on 21 November morning.

Ayeyawady Region Minister for Social Affairs Daw Khin Saw Mu, Director-General of No 1 Basic Education Department Dr Myo Thein Gyi and officials formally opened the new building.

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung and officials planted saplings in commemoration of the opening ceremony and sprinkled scented water on the plaque of the new school building.

At the opening ceremony, the Region Chief Minister made a speech.

The region Minister for Social Affairs and wellwishers donated exercise books and cash assistance.

Next, Chief Minister U Thein Aung met health staff at Myaungmya Township Hospital at the meeting hall.

Later, wellwishers donated cash to the fund of the hospital.—MNA

**National Sports**

Preparations for the SEA Games have been completed nearly cent percent.

Yangon Region Transport Subcommittee arranges smooth and secure transportation of sports fans at matches to be held in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon.

A total of 68 highway express buses will run from 4 to 22 December along Nay Pyi Taw–Yangon–Nay Pyi Taw routes and charge K 6000 per passenger.

Six sports events will be held in Yangon—wrestling and Kampo events in Youth Training Centre at Dagon Myothit (North) Shooting Range.

Those wishing to enjoy the body-building contest at MCC in Insein Township may take bus lines No 51, No 202 special and No 203 special.

No 203, No 61, Myitta Hline-2 and Bandoola (Prami) bus lines have been arranged to transport the sports fans who wish to enjoy the shooting event at Dagon Myothit (North) Shooting Range.

Pamphlets on directives of bus lines to the sports venues of the SEA Games and bus fares of the respective bus lines will be distributed to the people soon.

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The nation built on education

Myanmar has celebrated the National Day which marks the national campaign against the colonial education for 93 years. What makes this country’s National Day unique is its interconnection with education. The National Day of a sovereign state is the day of supreme significance.

Started with boycott by university students in 1920, the movement inspired the entire people to wake up from nightmares of colonialism. The people who got involved in—some even sacrificed their lives—realized the importance of education. They knew very well that the country would eventually fall under the yoke of colonialism absolutely and would hardly rise up if the academic independence of the university was lost. They cherished the academic independence as much as they hungered for the independence of the nation.

They knew that the education is the wing to fly higher in that era of strict colonial rule. Without education, they would live in boxed-in society and lost all possible sorts of individual and national independence, they realized. That is why they established national schools to keep education as much as our ancestors did.

We are now living in an era of much more independence, but we need to consider whether we are having strong and independent education system and whether we cherish the education as much as our ancestors did.

Convenience for brethren but not for locals

Monwiny, 27 Nov—Myanmar Railways arranged 69 coaches for pastors and pastoresses, and ranged 69 coaches for Myanmar Railways which is great but a headache for travel once in a blue moon for those who would like to visit the Myitkyina station, the border town between Myanmar and Thailand.

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National Day marked in border town

Myawady, 27 Nov—The 93rd National Day was marked in Myawady, a pleasant town on the border with Thailand, today.

Students opened the ceremony by singing a song “Pyi Myanmar”. [Land of Myanmar]
Jellyfish production boosting in Kawthoung

Kawthoung, southern most of the nation, is surrounded with seas. Fishery business cannot be separated with Kawthoung as the town is a gate to export fishery products to other countries, especially to the vast fishery market Thailand.

Kawthoung, 27 Nov—Most of the people residing in urban and rural areas are engaged in fishery business as tradition. The people young and old understand fishery can earn income for their families not only on a manageable scale but a commercial scale.

Thus, jetties in Kawthoung are bustling with fishermen and fishery entrepreneurs with the use of motorized boats and trawlers.

As of early November yearly, plenty of jellyfish is available at the sea not far from the town, so the fishermen go to the sea to collect jellyfish.

Due to change of water course in the sea in November, the large area of jellyfish emerges and floats on the water surface of the sea. That is why the local people collect the jellyfish and sell it at the purchase centres.

One jellyfish in wet status can be sold at 3-4 bahts. Two fishermen in one small boat can collect 600-800 pieces of jellyfish a day. Hence, each fisherman can earn over K 100,000 a day.

As of early this year, the weather has been in bad condition. As Kawthoung is surrounded with the sea areas, the local fishermen cannot carry out fishery works at the sea. In consequence, the local people face hardship in their livelihoods due to lack of income from their traditional business concerning fishery and fish product industries.

Fortunately, collection of jellyfish from the sea becomes a great opportunity for the local fishermen. Therefore, they are now earning income for their families.

Kyemon-Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung)

Cattle smuggler gang arrested in Bogale

Bogale, 27 Nov—According to the information that a gang smuggles cattle to other countries through water courses near Kadonkani village of Bogale Township in Ayeyawady Region, Commander of Pyapon District Police Force Police Major Maung Hsan and party supervised the squads comprising village administrator and officials, and local people to search the gang.

They saw Ma Zin Mar Thein, a cowboy, and 11 buffaloes in Mayanchaung Village of Kadonkani Village-tract of Bogale Township on 13 November. After investigation, Tin Hsan and Aung Win of Mayanchaung Village trusted buffaloes to Ma Zin Mar Thein, with fee K 5000 per cattle for looking after them. Tin Hsan and Aung Win were members of cattle smuggling gang, and they escaped from the village.

Kyemon-Zabumin (Bogale)

Health Care Activity

Community Based TB Care held

Kyaukse District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee held the ceremony to launch the project at Singaing Township Office on 13 November morning.


Health educative talks, anti-human trafficking given in Singaing

Singaing, 27 Nov—Organized by Kyaukse District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, the educative talks on health knowledge and anti-human trafficking took place at Paleik Village-tract administrative office in Singaing Township of Mandalay Region on 26 November morning.

Chairperson of District MCWSC Daw Aye Aye made a speech. Members of District MCWSC Daw Nwe Nwe Yi, Daw Aye Aye Myint and Daw Cho Nwe Oo explained infectious diseases and non-infectious diseases, infant health and expectant mother health care service, prevention against trafficking in persons and prevention of violence against women.

Chairperson Daw Myint Myint Sein gave talks on facts about diabetes.

After that, responsible persons of the association replied to queries raised by those present.

Kyemon-Tun Tun Naing (Kyaukse)

Implementation of education promotion discussed in Myeik

Myeik, 27 Nov—The meeting on education promotion for 2014-15 academic year and clarification on educational instructions of the President was held at Basic Education High School No 1 in Myeik of Taninthayi Region on 26 November. Region Education Director U Kyi Swam and school heads and teachers from basic education schools of Kyunsu, totalling 130.

Kyemon-Moe Hein (Myeik)
Suicide bombers kill 14 in attacks on army bases near Baghdad

Baghdad, 27 Nov — Suicide bombers killed 14 members of Iraq’s security services and wounded 37 in attacks on army bases north of Baghdad on Tuesday, police and medical sources said.

Iraq is suffering from its worst surge in violence in at least five years with insurgents stepping up bombing campaigns against security forces and civilians.

In the first set of attacks, two bombers detonated in quick succession at an intersection between the towns of Taji and Tarmiya, around 25 km (15 miles) north of the Iraqi capital, killing eight Iraqi soldiers and wounding 26.

Later on Tuesday two more suicide bombers targeting another army base in a village outside Taji killed six police and wounded 11, police and medics said.

Thousands of Iraqis have been killed since the start of the year and the attacks, some claimed by al-Qaeda, have been fuelled by the civil war in neighbouring Syria. Iraqi security forces have been struggling to contain the violence since US troops withdrew in December 2011. The capital and its outskirts have been hit by almost daily attacks. On Monday two bombs exploded outside a Baghdad cafe, killing 17 people and wounding 37, while a suicide bomber blew himself up at a police checkpoint in the northeast of the capital, killing three officers.

Britain protests to Spain over Gibraltar diplomatic bag incident

Madrid, 27 Nov — Britain accused Madrid on Tuesday of a “serious infringement” of international protocol, saying Spanish police had opened a British diplomatic bag on the border with its contested territory of Gibraltar.

Madrid denied that its officers had opened any diplomatic bag, which are typically used to carry official correspondence.

Spain lays claim to Gibraltar, a small rocky outcrop on its southern coast that it ceded to Britain 300 years ago, and tensions have been running high in recent months over the British overseas territory.

Britain’s Foreign Office said the incident happened last Friday and marked the first time a fellow European Union member and NATO ally had broken international rules by opening a diplomatic bag. The last time such an incident occurred was in Zimbabwe in 2000, it said.

“We take very seriously any reported abuse of the protocol surrounding official correspondence and the diplomatic bag,” the Foreign Office said in a statement. “Official correspondence and diplomatic bags are inviolable.

New clashes between army, militants in Libya’s Benghazi

Benghazi, 27 Nov — New clashes between the Libyan army and militants erupted in the eastern city of Benghazi early on Wednesday, wounding several people, security sources and residents said.

Libya’s military is struggling to curb Islamist militants and militias who fought in the 2011 uprising against Muammar Gaddafi but refuse to disarm and control parts of the OPEC producer.

Fighting broke out on Monday between army special forces and members of the Ansar Sharia in Libya’s second-largest city, killing at least nine people before the militants retreated from their main base.

Fresh gun battles could be heard in three parts of the port city after midnight, residents said.

The Ansar Sharia were also amassing forces outside Benghazi where the army was rushing reinforcements in a convoy, city security sources said.

The new violence had started when members of the Ansar threw a grenade at a patrol of special forces, a security source said.

The security situation has sharply deteriorated in the past few months in Benghazi where militants run their own checkpoints and assassinations are part of daily life.

Ukraine leader to go to EU summit, but not ready to sign pact

Kiev, 27 Nov — Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich said on Tuesday he would attend an EU summit this week, but criticizing the bloc for a “humiliating” financial aid offer, declared he would sign a free trade pact only when it suited Ukraine’s interests.

Shifting Ukraine’s economy onto European standards would require not less than $20 billion per year, he said in a television interview.

Yanukovich’s government announced last week it had shelved plans to sign a landmark pact with the European Union at the summit in Lithuania’s capital, stunning EU leaders and igniting pro-Europe rallies in the former Soviet republic.

Ukraine’s decision to renew instead closer economic cooperation with Moscow revived Western fears of a swing back into Russia’s sphere of influence.

Yanukovich on Tuesday confirmed he would go to Vilnius all the same. Then, a short while later, in a television interview, he sharply attacked the EU, accusing it of offering just 610 million euros ($827.19 million) and making this conditional on agreeing a new loan deal with the International Monetary Fund.

“For three years in succession they have shown this candy in pretty wrapping — we don’t have to be humiliated like this. We are a serious country, a European one,” he said.

Israel says kills three Qaeda-linked militants in West Bank

Herron, 27 Nov — Israeli security officials said their forces killed three Palestinian militants on Tuesday who were part of an al Qaeda-linked network in the West Bank.

The Palestinian Authority, which administers the territory, denied the three had had any relation to al-Qaeda and accused Israelis of setting out to kill the men.

An official from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s Shin Bet security agency said it had learned from a number of earlier arrests that the network was planning attacks in the coming days against Israeli targets and against the Western-backed Palestinian Authority. Two of the men were killed when they opened fire on officers trying to arrest them in the area of the city of Hebron, the official said. A number of explosive devices and two guns were found in their vehicle, the official added.

The Israeli military said a third militant was killed in a gunfight after the initial clash.

Possible Qatari” at National Day ceremony

Domingo City, capital of the Dominican Republic’s Santo Domingo City, capital of the Dominican Republic, on 26 Nov, 2013.—NINHA

Image provided by Dominican Republic’s Presidency shows the international speaker Nick Vujicic giving a speech during his talk show of personal motivation called “Everything is Possible” at National Palace in Santo Domingo City, capital of Dominican Republic, on 26 Nov, 2013. Vujicic, born with tetra-amelia syndrome, is known as a speaker who gives motivational speech worldwide.—NINHA
Nepal lays groundwork for China-assisted mega hydropower project

KATHMANDU, 27 Nov—The government of Nepal has been intensifying the foundation works for the development of a China-assisted mega hydropower project.

CWE Investment, a subsidiary of power developer China Three Gorges Corporation (CTGC), one of China’s largest hydropower developers, has agreed to develop the 750 MW West Seti Hydropower Project in power hungry Nepal as a symbol of Nepal-China friendship. The two sides signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on 27 Aug, 2012, agreeing to complete the project by 2019.

Investment Board of Nepal (IBN), a body mandated to commission hydropower projects having more than 500 MW capacity, said it is currently working to arrange for the resettlement of project-affected households.

“CWE Investment has asked the Nepalese government to take care of the resettlement issue on its own,” Mukunda Poudel, joint secretary at IBN, told Xinhua. “So we are working towards this effect.”

The IBN has also been planning to plead the Chinese government for assistance for the development of transmission lines in the project.

IBN officials said the government was planning to plead for the amount necessary to develop transmission lines so as to collect the energy generated from West Seti Hydropower Project to the national grid.

“We will request for a grant or soft loan from the Chinese government to construct transmission line for the West Seti Project,” a senior official at Nepal’s Finance Ministry, told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Located in Nepal’s far west, the reservoir project covers a number of districts including Doti, Dadeldhura, Baitadi, Bajhang, Kailali and Kanchanpur.

The government of Nepal has enlisted West Seti as a top priority project, as this mega hydro project can be a remedy to the power hunger of layman country where people suffer from power cuts of up to 16 hours a day during the winter season.

The Exim Bank of China has already agreed to offer soft and commercial loans worth 1.6 billion U.S. dollars for the construction of the project.

Xinhua

Highway parking areas converted into attractive facilities

PHOTO TAKEN ON 23 Oct, 2013 shows the inside of the Pavarie Biwako Otsu commercial complex, opened by West Nippon Expressway Co at its Otsu service area off the Meishin Expressway in April.  

“Towards a theme after ‘The Little Prince’,” a novel by French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupery, in 2010, the refurbished parking area has white-walled shops, a walking path and restaurants, cafes and other events are held at the Le Petit Prince area at Yorii in Fukaya, Saitama Prefecture. A 54-year-old woman from Iruma, Saitama, enjoyed touring the parking area together with her husband. “It was an experience unavailable at other parking areas,” she said.

While drivers and passengers usually spend about 20 minutes at a service area off an expressway, “many people stay here for two to three hours,” said Akiko Torii, president of the firm operating the Yorii parking area on behalf of East Nippon Expressway.

“We are happy if visitors can relax here and feel the fairy story’s message, in what is essential is invisible to the eye,” Torii added. Annual sales at the Yorii parking area have increased 20 percent since its refurbishment, according to East Nippon Expressway. The company is planning to open on 19 December a service area off the Tohoku Expressway themed after “Onheii Hankachoku,” a popular series of stories by Shotaro Ikenami about Heizo Hasegawa, the head of the samurai police that cracked down on arson-robberies in Edo, the name given to Tokyo during the Tokugawa shogunate.

The Pavarie Biwako Otsu commercial complex was opened by West Nippon Expressway Co at its Otsu service area in Shiga Prefecture off the Meishin Expressway in April. With a total floor space of some 3,000 square meters, it is like a department store, offering a wide variety of products as well as restaurants including 551 Horai, an outlet of a popular pork bun restaurant in Osaka.

Kyodo News

Two Indian states brace for another severe cyclone

NEW DELHI, 27 Nov—After cyclone Phailin and Helen, two Indian states are bracing for another severe cyclonic storm Lehar, a meteorological department official said Wednesday.

“Cyclone Lehar is headed for southeastern Indian coast with winds up to 200 kmps per hour and heavy rain. It is expected to make landfall in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh and the neighboring state of Odisha on Thursday,” he said, on condition of anonymity.

The cyclone is likely to hit nine coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh and some coastal regions of Odisha.

“We have evacuated thousands of people from coastal areas of both the states. Fishermen have also been warned not to venture into the high seas. The Indian Army has been deployed in the areas likely to be hit by the storm,” a senior disaster management official said.

Though cyclone Helen did not claim lives in the two states recently, some 27 people died when cyclone Phailin hit India’s eastern coast last month.

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Kyodo News

Hospital ordered to pay damages for switching babies at birth

TOKYO, 27 Nov—The Tokyo District Court ordered a hospital on Tuesday to pay 38 million yen in damages to a Tokyo man who was found to have been switched at birth at the hospital and to have suffered hardship as a result.

The man, now 60, was switched at birth at the hospital in 1953, lost his biological father at the age of 2, studied at a night high school while employed at a factory and worked for a transportation company, the court said in a ruling.

The other man involved in the switch went to university. But his three younger brothers felt he didn’t resemble them and confirmed through DNA testing in 2009 that they were not related. They then checked the hospital records and discovered their real older brother in 2012.

The three, together with their real older brother, filed a suit asking the hospital to pay 250 million yen in damages. Presiding Judge Masatoshi Miyasaka, though recognizing the amount of damages, recognized the plaintiff as having lost an opportunity to undergo higher education and having suffered emotional pain.

“The plaintiff had no contact with his real family for a long time and has no chance to contact his real parents who have already died,” the judge said. “I feel sympathy for his great disappointment.”

San-ikukai, a social welfare corporation that runs the hospital, said it is examining the ruling and considering how to respond to it.—Kyodo News

Two killed in train-tractor collision in N India

NEW DELHI, 27 Nov—Two persons were killed on Tuesday when their tractor was hit by a passenger train at an unmanned railway crossing in Mathura district in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, police said.

The accident occurred when the tractor was passing the crossing, a senior police officer said. The train came to a halt after the accident.

Collisions of trains and vehicles take place frequently at unmanned crossings of railway tracks in India.—Xinhua

Indian firemen take out a seriously injured victim from the debris of a collapsed house in Bangalore, India, on 26 Nov. 2013. At least four people were killed after a school building collapsed in Bangalore of the south Indian state of Karnataka Tuesday, according to local media report.—Xinhua

Li Fenghua, a 60-year-old woman in Beijing’s Fengtai District, began to help stray cats since 1998. The kind-hearted woman has kept feeding stray cats near the residential community in which she lives over the past 15 years. Li is currently caring for more than 200 stray cats, including some kittens, as well as sick and old ones at a temporary shelter. Li, whose pension is only 2,000 yuan per month, has used up all her savings to rescue stray cats. Her husband and she live a very simple life, but she said, “I just wish all of them would live longer.”—Xinhua
Argentina, Spain agree compensation for YPF nationalization

Madrid/Buenos Aires, 27 Nov — Spain and Argentina have reached an agreement for Argentina to pay compensation for their decision to nationalize the energy firm YPF, a subsidiary of Spanish energy giant Repsol in 2012.

Argentina had nationalized YPF last year and refused to pay any money for the seizure, complaining that YPF had not invested enough money to increase production from its oil fields, which is the Vaca Muerta oilfield, the site of one of the world’s largest recent discoveries of shale gas.

Repsol has asked for compensation of 10.5 billion US dollars and insisted that it has invested around 20 billion US dollars in Argentina in the company which produced around a third of Argentina’s oil and around 25 percent of its gas.

The nationalization of YPF caused a breakdown in international relations between Spain and Argentina, which have traditionally enjoyed close ties.

Spanish Industry Minister Jose Manuel Soria flew to Buenos Aires on Monday in the company of executives from Repsol to meet with Argentinean officials and reach the agreement, which has to be ratified by a board meeting at Repsol this coming Wednesday.

No official figures for the amount of compensation agreed have been published, although Spain’s El Mundo newspaper reports that Argentina has offered around 5 billion dollars, while YPF President Miguel Galuccio is reported to have indicated it was “very happy” with the agreement, saying it was the best way for YPF and Repsol to continue with the development of the Vaca Muerta oilfield.

One early effect of the agreement was that Repsol shares performed strongly on the Spanish Ibex 35 Stock exchange, increasing in value by around 4 percent in the early hours of trading on Tuesday morning.—Xinhua

Zimbabweans collect grain distributed by World Food Programme (WFP) in East Mashonaland Province. Zimbabwe, on 25 Nov, 2013. WFP estimates that about 2.2 million Zimbabweans will need food aid to buffer the impact of a poor harvest this year. The food shortage is foreseen to be the worst one that the country suffered over the past four years.—Xinhua

 CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA RESTU VOY NO (353)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RESTU VOY NO (353) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.11.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

World Culture Forum closes in Indonesia

Bali, Indonesia, 27 Nov — The World Culture Forum (WCF) was closed on Tuesday afternoon with a joint commitment document that calls for measurable, effective role and integration of culture at all levels in the post-2015 development agenda.

The conclusion of the inaugural WCF event was conducted by Indonesian National Education and Culture Minister Muhammad Nuh at Bali International Convention Centre (BICC).

According to the document of Bali Promise, participants promised to see new modality for the valuing and measuring of culture in sustainable developments, developing accountable ethical framework for evidence-based measures of community engagement and stakeholders benefits, fostering new participatory models promoting cultural democracy and social inclusion and fostering the stability in social, political and economic development for nurturing the culture of peace at both local and international levels.

Supporting the leadership of young people in cultural endeavors, promoting local knowledge system in guiding environmental conservation and heritage protection and developing and strengthening productive partnerships among public and private sectors are also included in the Bali Promise.

“The World Culture Forum, Bali, and all the other cultural fora conducted in Indonesia in the past have a common goal of using culture as a means of promoting peace in the world; we are proud to have contributed to promoting international culture as a means of promoting peace,” the Culture Minister stated.

The minister said Indonesia intends to become the eternal host of the WCF event in the future, “Indonesia would be the eternal home to WCF. So the host would still be Indonesia, other countries may act as the co-host. We would convene it once in two years,” the minister said.

Xinhua

Acknowledgement

According to the survey (2013) of MMRD, the most experienced research company in Myanmar,

still standing on the top position of trademarks across the nation, heartily thanks consumer people for their clamorous purchase of products.
‘12 Years a Slave’ and ‘Nebraska’ lead Spirit award nominees

New musical brings Carole King’s life, music to Broadway stage

Angelinia Jolie did not buy heart-shaped island for Brad Pitt

Favourite things get a twist in new US TV version of ‘Sound of Music’
Arsenal win but last 16 spot still not certain

LONDON, 27 Nov — Jack Wilshere scored twice, the first after 30 seconds, as Group F leaders Arsenal beat Olympique Marseille 2-0 on Tuesday but have yet to secure a Champions League last 16 place.

Arsenal, with four wins in five matches, head the group with 12 points followed by Borussia Dortmund, whose 3-1 win over Napoli leaves both sides on nine. Marseille have none after five straight defeats.

Arsenal’s last match on 11 December is away to Napoli while Dortmund visit Marseille meaning Arsenal, Dortmund and Napoli could all finish with 12 points in which case results between the three would decide who advances to the last 16.

As long as Arsenal do not lose by three goals or more they will qualify for the knockout rounds for the 14th successive season, but it means Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger will have to take a strong team to Napoli next month.

“I don’t believe it, but it’s reality and we have to finish the job. It’s a tricky situation. You could think, ‘we must not lose big’ but I think that would be a mistake,” Wenger told reporters afterwards.

“We have to go there and try and win the game because otherwise it is a huge gamble. I have never known anything like it in my 150 Champions League matches.”

Arsenal were vastly superior to a Marseille team already out of contention with coach Elie Baup fielding a number of younger inexperienced players while resting his senior men for their French League exploits. “We did play with some younger players and it was a good experience for them, even though we were on the back foot from the first minute after conceding that goal,” Baup said afterwards.

“Arsenal were better than us over the two games but we had players of 19 and 20 playing today and they have learnt the demands of the top level, what it takes to play in the Champions League.”

Federer can play until he is 60, says Nastase

BUCHAREST, 27 Nov — Roger Federer should play until he 60 if he wants to, according to Romanian former world number one Ilie Nastase.

The Swiss 17-times grand-slam champion has slipped down to sixth in the world rankings and won only one title this year, prompting many to suggest he is a spent force at 32.

Nastase the former bad boy of tennis, believes Federer should not listen to the naysayers, however.

“I wish people wouldn’t say that Roger Federer has to retire,” the 67-year-old former French Open and US Open champion was quoted as saying in Romanian media. “I think he should play for as long as he wants.”

“I don’t agree with those people who say that you should retire when you’ve past your absolute best or prime. ‘No, Federer doesn’t have to prove anything, he can play to 60 if he wants to.’ Federer, who has spent a record 302 weeks as world number one during his illustrious career, is still one of the biggest draws in tennis, according to Nastase, even if he has fallen behind players such as Rafa Nadal and Novak Djokovic. “If Federer wants to carry on playing, no-one is going to say: ‘No, we don’t want Federer to play’.”

Rafael Nadal voted greatest ever Spanish sports personality

MADRID, 27 Nov — Spanish tennis player, Rafael Nadal was this Tuesday named the greatest Spanish sports star in history.

The winner of 13 Grand Slam’s and the current number 1 in the ATP world ranking, received the award at the Gala for the 75th anniversary of the Spanish sports paper Diario Marca on Tuesday.

Nadal was voted for by readers of the paper ahead of five Tour de France winner, Miguel Indurain and basketball star, Pau Gasol, who is without doubt the greatest Spanish basketball player of all time.

Nadal’s feats had been recognized by the readers of Marca in 2007 when he won the Marca Legend award.

The tennis ace has enjoyed a fantastic 2013, coming back from a career threatening knee injury to win events such as the French Open, as well as claiming his 25th and 26th ATP Masters 1000 titles in Montreal and Cincinnati, before then winning the US Open, beating Novak Djokovic in the final.

Djokovic would have his revenge by beating Nadal in the China Open, but the fact he reached the final of the event meant Nadal ends 2013 back at the top of the world rankings once again.

Apart from the special award for Nadal, the Marca gala also recognized the performances of many other Spanish sports stars, such as Formula 1 driver, Fernando Alonso and rally driver, Carlos Sainz, Gasol and the former captain on the Spanish women’s national team, Amaya Valdemoro, cyclist Alberto Contador, Spanish national football team coach, Vicente del Bosque and Real Madrid goalkeeper, Iker Casillas, among many others.

Nagatomo wins Asian International Player of the Year award

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 Nov — Inter Milan’s Japan defender Yuto Nagatomo was named the Asian International Player of the Year at the Asian Football Confederation Awards on Tuesday evening.

The award goes to Asia’s best player based outside the continent. China and Guangzhou Evergrande captain Zheng Zhi was recognized as the top player within the continent.

“It’s an honor to receive such a fantastic award,” said Nagatomo, who followed in the footsteps of last year’s winner international teammate, Shinji Kagawa of Manchester United.

“I’ll keep working hard to show the world Asia is only getting better.”

Arjen Robben of the Netherlands (L) and Japan’s Yuto Nagatomo compete for the ball during the first half of a friendly game in Genk, Belgium, on 16 Nov, 2013. The game finished 2-2.

Australian Mark Webber, Eric Bana to team up for Bathurst 12 Hour motor race

SYDNEY, 27 Nov — Newly-retired Australian Formula One (F1) driver Mark Webber will team up with movie star Eric Bana for his first Bathurst 12 Hour endurance race in 2015, local media reported on Wednesday.

Only two days after his final F1 grand prix in Brazil, Webber revealed via Twitter his intention to compete in the longest endurance motor race in Australia on Wednesday.

The endurance race is held annually at the spiritual home of Australian motor sport-Mount Panorama, Bathurst.

Asked by a fan on Twitter whether he will be driving for Porsche with Bana at Bathurst 12 Hour in February 2014, Webber replied: “No 2015.”

It is likely the 37-year-old will drive a Porsche 911 GT3 at the sports cars endurance event.

Australian movie star Bana is a famous car enthusiast and has previously raced the Bathurst 12-hour. Webber quit Formula One after 12 seasons in the category to switch to sports car racing with German manufacturer Porsche.

Mark Webber and Eric Bana.
In ever loving memory of Professor Daw Khin Kyi Kyi (Josie), who left us broken-hearted on 28 March 2013; a Soul-mate in all my endeavours, kind, compassionate and generous to a fault,

“We’ll meet again, Don’t know where, Don’t know when But I know we’ll meet again some sunny day”

Myint Myint Khin

### Nomo becomes 1st Japanese candidate for Hall of Fame

**NEW YORK, 27 Nov—** Former Los Angeles Dodgers right-hander Hideo Nomo on Tuesday became the first Japanese player to be named on the Baseball Hall of Fame ballot. Credited for paving the way to the major leagues for current Japanese players, the pitcher was among 36 on this year’s ballot to be decided by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America, and among 19 who are eligible to be voted on for the first time.

Joining Nomo on the list are four-time Cy Young Award winner Greg Maddux, two-time winner Tom Glavine and two-time American League MVP Frank Thomas.

To be enshrined, Nomo needs to receive 75 percent of the votes from BBWAA members. The ballot boxes will close 31 Dec, and the results will be announced 8 Jan. Nomo, now 45, bolted for the majors in 1995, signing with the Dodgers from the Kintetsu Buffaloes and becoming an instant hit in America with his unique windup that earned him the nickname “Tornado.”

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### Four elephants to be collared in Kenya to curb conflicts

**NAIROBI, 27 Nov—** Wildlife conservationists plan to collar four elephants using satellite technology to help monitor movement, reduce conflict and beef up security operations in Kenya’s world famous Amboseli Park.

The exercise which will be carried out on 3 and 4 December by Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) will map the elephant’s migratory routes within the Amboseli ecosystem and also establish the length and width of the elephant corridors with the ecosystem.

IFAW, East Africa Head of Programmes Steve Njumbi said collaring these elephants will save the lives of both elephants and human populations in the long run.

“Using science we can understand where and how the elephants in this area move about, and we can use this information to help us prioritize human elephant conflict interventions, as well as save the migratory routes that elephants in this area have been using for millennia,” Njumbi said in a statement issued in Nairobi on Tuesday.

The conservationists will fit the four elephants with GPS satellite collars starting in the 8,797 square km Amboseli landscape to also determine whether migrating elephants follow rain-driven vegetation greenness and water points.

Wildlife officials say the Amboseli ecosystem is critical for elephant conservation as it is home to the largest population of elephants.

Located in the Rift Valley in Kenya, the Amboseli landscape includes the park, the Maasai community group ranches namely Olgulului-Ololarashi, Kimana, Mbirikani, Selengei, Kuku and Rombo.

These stretch to Mt Kilimanjaro, straddle the Kenya-Tanzania border and Chyulu Hills. Amboseli elephant population was estimated at 1,400 according to the last total aerial census conducted in 2012. Currently, Kenya has about 37,000 elephants.

IFAW said the two-day exercise will establish the distance of migrating elephants from farms and human settlements as well as show that rain-driven vegetation dynamics and water points influence the movement patterns of elephants.

The conservation group said the collared elephants’ movements will be closely monitored for some time as long as they retain the collar.—**Xinhua**

### Albania, Greece to expand agricultural cooperation

**TRIANA, 27 Nov —** Albania and Greece will sign a memorandum to boost their agricultural cooperation, local media reported on Tuesday.

Albanian Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration Edmond Panariti held on Tuesday a meeting with the Greek Ambassador in Tirana Leonidas C. Rokanas, during which they agreed to sign a cooperation memorandum, especially in the agricultural field, ATA reported.

Panariti said the Albanian government will review and sign very soon this memorandum, which will pave the way for cooperation between Greece and Albania in the agricultural field to a new and concrete level.

During the meeting, the two also agreed to organize events for Albanian and Greek producers to present their products.—**Xinhua**
93rd Anniversary National Day marked in Nay Pyi Taw

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 Nov—A ceremony was organized to mark the 93rd Anniversary National Day was held at the hall of Pyinmana Basic Education High School No. 1, here, this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Central Committee for holding the 93rd Anniversary National Day Acting Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Myint, committee members deputy ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Dr San Lwin, Dr Than Aung and U Than Swe, member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Phone Zaw Han and departmental heads, members of social organizing, teachers and students.

The students from Pyinmana BEHS No. 2 sang the song “Pyi Myanmar” to open the ceremony and Pyinmana Township Administration members U Hsan Maw read a message sent by the President U Thein Sein.

The acting Union minister, deputy ministers Dr Than Aung and U Than Swe and officials also attended a ceremony to mark the 93rd Anniversary National Day at BEHS No. 6 of Zabuthiri Township. The students from BEHS No. 3 (branch) sang a song to open the ceremony and Zabuthiri Township Administrator U Win Shwe read a message sent by the President.

Seikkyi-Khanaungto suspension bridge to narrow rural-urban development gap

Seikkyi-Khanaungto suspension bridge in Yangon Region allowed traffic as of 14 August and its opening ceremony was held today. I had a chance to see the illuminated new bridge yesterday night.

Before construction of the bridge, local people used to use motorized boats on which their livelihoods and transports of their goods exclusively depended. In order to end public transport constraints, thereby narrowing rural-urban development gap, Yangon Region Public Works of the Ministry of Construction under the supervision of Yangon Region government started construction of the suspension bridge on February, 2012 to be able to reach Seikkyi-Khanaungto from Hlinethaya via Twantay within a short period of time, U Win Zaw, deputy superintendent engineer of Special Group (1), said.

The steel structure suspension bridge is 1680 feet long and 30 feet wide. It has a 24 feet wide motor road flanked by three-foot pedestrian lanes on both sides. Its clearance area under the bridge is 40 feet high and 422 feet wide and it can withstand 36-ton of loads.

The bridge has been opened to public transport since 14 August, 2013, allowing various kinds of vehicles, motorbikes and bicycles.

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12 days to XXVII SEA Games

As a gesture of hailing XXVII SEA Games, mascots of the SEA Games and State flags of ASEAN countries erected at Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Gardens on 26 November to attract visitors to the SEA Games.

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