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New Light of Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to Mr. Bujar Nishani, President of the Republic of Albania, and Mr. Edi Rama, Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania, on the occasion of the Liberation Day of the Republic of Albania which falls on 29 November, 2013.

MNA

Opening ceremony of 27th SEA Games in full-dress rehearsal

Photo taken on 26 Nov, 2013 shows the scene of Gongtan Ancient Town by the Wujiang River in Tujia-Miao Autonomous County of Youyang, southwest China’s Chongqing Municipality. The ancient town has become a well-known tourist attraction nowadays.—Xinhua

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NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—President U Thein Sein observed a full-dress rehearsal for an opening ceremony of the 27th SEA Games this evening.

It was also attended by Patron of leading committee for holding the 27th SEA Games Vice-President U Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, the Union ministers and officials and participants.

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NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov—Myanmar hosted fourth Joint Committee Meeting of GMS National Transport Facilitation Committee at Myat Minagal Hotel, here, on 22 November with the assistance of Asian Development Bank and Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Than Htay delivered welcome remarks.

Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Chan Maung, Chairperson of National Transport Facilitation Committee in Myanmar, undertook as a chairperson of the meeting and matters on transport and customs, immigration, health subcommittees presented in the meeting of senior officials of the National Transport Facilitation Committees and Subcommittees Meetings, the progress of the Three-Year Matrix/Action Plan on Transport and Trade Facilitation from 3rd JCM in June 2010 in Vientiane, Lao PDR, the new proposals and action plan of NTFC-SOM. Concerning the knowledge sharing, GMS TTF knowledge Portal www.gms.cbta.org has already been established and ADB announced to visit this website were discussed.

The meeting endorsed the Joint Committee Ministerial Statement including the Three-Year Blueprint on TTF in the GMS (2013-2016): Subcommittee Meeting of Guaranteeing Organizations and its Terms of Reference: and MoU on the Extended EWEC Operational Route to GMS capitals: Bangkok (Thailand), Hanoi (Vietnam), and Vientiane (Laos PDR), and deep sea ports: Laem Chabang and Haiphong, National Transport Facilitation Committee Senior Official Meeting (NTFC SOM) was also held at the hotel the previous day.

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MNA
Coord meeting on population and taking census process

KATHA, 28 NOV—A work coordination meeting on population and taking census process from 30 March to 10 April, 2014 was held at the office of General Administration Department, here, on 26 November.

Assistant Director U Khin Maung Kyaw of Sagaing Region Immigration and National Registration Department focused on opening courses for taking census process, difficulties and expenses and Sagaing Region Hluttaw Representative U Sein Tun discussed getting true data and financial matters.

Staff officer U Kyaw Swe of Township Immigration and National Registration Department reported on arrangements for census taking and the members of District/Township Census Taking Committee participated in the discussions.

Kyemon-Nyein Nyein (Katha)

93rd National Day marked in Mawlamyinegun

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 28 NOV—The 93rd Anniversary National Day was marked at Maha Saung Hall of BEHS (1), here, on 27 November.

On the occasion, the students sang Pyi Myanmar song and Township administrator U Htay Maung read out the national day message sent by President U Thein Sein. Township administrator U Htay Maung, Township education officer Daw Aye Thein and departmental officials awarded first, second and third prize winners in high school level and middle school level essay contests in commemoration of the National Day.—Kyemon

Ceremony to mark 93rd National Day in progress in Mawlamyinegun.

Bawgawati Ward Bailey Bridge opened

NAY PYI TAW, 28 NOV—A bailey bridge on Khayy Road in Bawgawati Ward, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana was put into service this morning.

The opening ceremony was attended by Nay Pyi Taw Council Members U Kan Chen and Col Myint Aung Than, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative of Pyinmana Township Constituency U Hnin Giy, Joint Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Myo Aung and committee members, the township administrator and departmental heads, social organization members and locals.

Nay Pyi Taw Council Member Col Myint Aung Than explained to those present about reconstruction of the facility for socio-economic status of the local people.

Afterwards, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Members and the joint secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee cut the ribbon to open the bridge.

Next, those present on the occasion strolled along the bridge.

The reconstruction of the bridge started with the strength of the special bridge construction group (3) of Public Work. The 100-foot old one was torn by the floods in September, 2013.

The newly-opened bridge is 120 feet long and is about 6 feet higher than the old one. Thanks to the facility, locals have easy access to Aharathukha Market and Pyinmana from Bawgawati Ward.

WFP collects data from rural areas

YEDASHE, 28 NOV—Under the programme of the World Food Programme-WFP, data on regional development were collected from Yedashe Township as part of efforts for supporting the drive for regional development.

A team comprising from Yedashe Township Rural Area Development Department and personnel from the WFP collected data on poverty, food, education, health, safe drinking water and transportation in Yedashe Township from 25 to 27 November.

According to an official of the Yedashe Township Rural Area Development Department, data were collected from 13 families from each village and three villages from each district.

Divided into four teams, staff of the Development Affairs Department and personnel from the WFP collected data from Bago, Thayawady, Pyay and Toungoo districts in Bago Region.—Kyemon-Ko Lwin (Swa)

Police crack down two-digit gambling in Myohla

YEDASHE, 28 NOV—Acting on a tip-off, local police seized gambling money and documents for illegal gambling on raids on a betting shop in Myohla, Yedashe Township, yesterday. However, U Mya Than, 27, the suspect for the illegal two-digit number gambling, could manage to escape from the scene after jumping off the shop and running away.

The police has confiscated K 41,000 and seized the documents and Myohla Police Station has opened a file on the case.

Kyemon-Ko Lwin (Swa)

Treated mosquito nets distributed in Gangaw

GANGAW, 28 NOV—Gangaw Township Health Department distributed two treated mosquito nets each to 1685 households from 77 villages as of 18 November.

The mosquito nets were provided by UNICEF. The UN agency has planned to distribute 24200 treated mosquito nets to the local people of Gangaw Township in 2013 for prevention of malaria.

Kyemon-465
**Court voids poll in western Japan constituency on vote disparity**

**OKAYAMA, 28 Nov —** The Hiroshima High Court ruled on Thursday that the outcome of a western Japan constituency in July’s House of Councillors election should be invalidated due to an unconstitutional disparity in the weight of votes. The decision by the court’s Okayama branch on the first ruling among 14 similar lawsuits filed with high courts across Japan by groups of lawyers who have argued the disparities of up to 4.77-fold in the 21 July upper house election are against the equal-protection clause under the Constitution, thus the election should be invalid.

“It is doubtful if the Diet has seriously taken the issue of election system reform,” Presiding Judge Noriyoshi Katano said, accentuating the parliament of negligence in fundamentally correcting the inequality in the vote weight.

As a result of the lawyers’ smile outside the Okayama branch of the Hiroshima High Court on 28 Nov, 2013, after the court ruled that the result in the same constituency in July’s House of Councillors election should be invalidated due to an unconstitutional disparity in the weight of votes.

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**Embolded Thai PM easily survives no-confidence vote**

**BANGKOK, 28 Nov —** Thailand’s embattled Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra on Thursday breezed through a no-confidence vote in parliament where her party holds a commanding majority, but faced mounting pressure from widening anti-government protests.

The vote, however, is unlikely to defuse tensions or end the biggest anti-government protests since deadly political unrest three years ago. Protesters plan to march to the national police headquarters and defence ministry on Thursday.

“Let us dissolve the house,” a defiant Yingluck told reporters before the vote.

“It is clear the protesters are not looking for house dissolution so, starting today, let us find a way to do this together,” Yingluck said.

Yingluck needed more than half, or 246 votes, out of the 492 votes in the lower house to prevail. She won 297, with 134 votes against her.

Her Puea Thai Party and coalition partners dominate the lower house with 299 seats and comfortably survived the three-day debate, during which the opposition grilled Yingluck on a 3.5 billion baht ($108 million) water management scheme and financially troubled government rice intervention scheme. Protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban has ruled out talks with the government or other parties. “No more negotiations,” Suthep told cheering crowds late on Wednesday while thousands massed outside four Thai government ministries, a major state office complex and 31 provincial halls.

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**Collapse accident kills two in World Cup stadium, Sao Paulo**

**RIO DE JANEIRO, 28 Nov —** Two construction workers were killed on Wednesday during the collapse of a part of the roof in the Itaquerao stadium in Sao Paulo, which will host the competition’s opening match of the Brazil 2014 World Cup, the Fire Brigade said. The accident occurred as the last section of the roof over the bleachers was being installed in the Itaquerao stadium, in Sao Paulo.

As the roof was being set up into place, the crane fell over the bleachers. The crane itself also fell on the same place.

According to the local authorities, one of the victims was the worker operating the crane, and the other was a worker who was installing the seats on the bleachers. They were confirmed by Odebrecht building company, responsible of the stadium building.

The accident took place at 12:50 local time (15:50 GMT), which is the reason the building company said that 94 percent of the stadium was ready.

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**PM Abe to raise airspace safety issue at Japan-ASEAN summit**

**TOKYO, 28 Nov —** Japan plans to raise the issue of flight safety in international airspace with ASEAN countries as the main topic at a regional summit in Tokyo next month given China’s recent establishment of an air defence zone in the East China Sea, diplomatic sources said on Thursday.

Japan, whose air defence identification zone overlaps that of China in the waters surrounding the disputed Senkaku Islands, seeks to share its concern with members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations as there is a possibility that China may draw up a similar zone in the South China Sea.

There are differences within ASEAN countries, however, over how they should approach that.

Cambodia and Laos have maintained more friendly ties with China than ASEAN states, putting the onus on Japan to persuade the other countries to include a sharp reference to air and sea security in a joint statement to be issued at the Japan-ASEAN summit in mid-December.

Under Chinese rules, aircraft flying in its air defence zone must now submit flight plans to Chinese authorities. Refusal to follow instructions may lead to “defensive emergency measures” by the Chinese military.

Japan has already sought understanding from some ASEAN countries about its position that the Chinese move infringes upon the general principle of international law, including the freedom of flight in international air space, the sources said.

At the summit, Abe is expected to seek support from other summit participants on the Japanese stance that attempts to unilaterally change the status quo by force, such as the one made by China, cannot be permitted.

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**Pakistan gets new army chief, chief justice**

**ISLAMABAD, 28 Nov —** The Pakistani government announced on Wednesday that Gen Raheel Sharif has been named as the new chief of army staff to replace Gen Ashfaq Kayani, who is retiring after six years in what is effectively the country’s most powerful position.

President Mamnoon Hussain, who appointed Gen. Sharif on the advice of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, has also approved the appointment of Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jillani as chief justice of the Supreme Court, replacing Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry who is due to retire on 11 December, a senior government official said. Gen Sha- rif will formally take charge of the Pakistan Army on Friday at a ceremony to be held in the garrison town of Rawalpindi, near Islamabad, the official Associated Press of Pakistan reported.

Geo TV reported that he has also been named as army commander and military academy leader who most recently was in charge of army training.

The government also announced on Wednesday that Gen Rashid Mehmood has been appointed as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, which is ostensibly the top military position, and that Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Mohammad Asif has been named as defence minister, a portfolio now held by the prime minister.

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**New US Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy is presented with a birthday cake at a hotel in Tokyo on 27 Nov, 2013. Kennedy later delivered a speech during a welcome luncheon at the hotel, her first speech in the post in Tokyo. New Light of Myanmar**
**Science & Technology**

Troubled HealthCare.gov to switch website hosting to HP

WASHINGTON, 28 Nov — The agency in charge of the troubled HealthCare.gov website said on Wednesday it is switching providers of Web hosting services, the latest change for the website at the heart of President Barack Obama’s health care reforms. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) said it is replacing data center services from Verizon Communications Inc’s Terremark subsidiary, with services from Hewlett-Packard Co. Terremark’s data center experience issues in late October that caused outages across the system, prompting embattled Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to phone Verizon’s chief executive to discuss the problems. Obama and Sebelius had promised the website would make it easy to shop for health insurance required under the 2010 Affordable Care Act, commonly known as Obamacare. Instead, slow response times, error messages and outages like the ones seen at Terremark’s data center meant few Americans have been able to enroll so far. The disaster has fueled Republican criticism of the law, and alarmed Democrats who supported it. The administration has had to scramble to make fixes in the hopes enough Americans sign up by deadlines in December and March. Both Verizon and HP declined comment on the contract change, as did the White House, which referred questions about the contract to CMS. CMS said its contract with Terremark had been set to end in March 2014. Last summer, several months before the botched Oct. 1 launch of HealthCare.gov, the agency issued a “task order” asking for bids. HP was awarded that contract, a CMS spokesman said in a statement. The contract change was first reported by the Wall Street Journal. Now, CMS needs to transition its data center to HP at a time when it is just beginning to dig out from a mountain of problems with the website, which is designed to let consumers shop for health insurance required under Obama’s signature health care law.

The complexity of the switch between data center providers could be an additional challenge for the project. A CMS spokesman did not respond to questions about whether the transition would affect the website. The Obama administration has said it plans to have the website working smoothly for most users by this weekend. Part of that upgrade involves doubling capacity so the website can handle 50,000 users at once. A source close to the project, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said there are some concerns about the website’s ability to handle so many users because of problems with switches and servers maintained by Terremark. “CMS has begun the necessary activities to transition the data center over to HP. We are working to ensure a smooth transition between the two contractors,” the CMS spokesman said in a statement. Verizon has received $55.8 million for its work on the healthcare marketplaces since its contract started in 2011, according to federal contracting records.

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**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

Samsung’s marketing splurge doesn’t always bring bang-for-buck

SEOUL, 28 Nov — Samsung Electronics Co is expected to spend around $31 billion — more than Iceland’s GDP — on advertising and marketing this year, but it doesn’t always get value for money. The outlay buy the South Korean technology giant publicity in TV and cinema ads, on billboards, and at sports and arts events from the Sydney Opera House to New York’s Radio City Music Hall. Google Inc spent less on buying Motorola’s handset business. And Samsung, which has a market value of $227 billion, has made no secret of keeping up its aggressive marketing and promotion splurge as it seeks to make its brand as aspirational as Apple Inc’s. But the South Korea’s spending hasn’t always bring the desired result.

Last month, a Samsung-sponsored short film contest finale at the Sydney Opera House received poor reviews for blatant product placement in a series of ‘behind the scenes’ videos. In Britain, viewers panned a product placement deal with ITV’s popular X-Factor talent show. “Is this a singing competition or an extended Samsung advert?” asked Twitter user Ryan Browne. Earlier this year, Samsung’s New York launch of its latest top-of-the-range Galaxy smartphone came under fire for being sexist, portraying giggling women chatting about jewelry and nail polish while the men discussed the new phone, and the company’s new fridge and washing machine launch in South Africa drew similar complaints as it featured swim-suit dancers.

“Samsung’s marketing is too much focused on projecting an image they aspire to: being innovative and ahead of the pack,” said Oh Jung-suk, associate professor at the business school of Seoul National University. “They are failing to efficiently bridge the gap between the aspiration and how consumers actually respond to the campaign. It’s got to be more aligned.” Samsung spends a bigger chunk of its annual revenue on advertising and promotion than any other of the world’s top-20 companies by sales - 5.4 percent, according to Thomson Reuters data. Apple spends just 0.6 percent, and General Motors 3.5 percent.

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Subglacial lakes found in Greenland for first time

WASHINGTON, 28 Nov — British researchers said on Wednesday they have discovered two subglacial lakes 800 metres below the Greenland ice sheet. While nearly 400 lakes have been detected beneath the Antarctic ice sheets, these are the first to be identified in Greenland, according to researchers from the University of Cambridge, who used airborne radar measurements to reveal the lakes.

They reported in the US journal Geophysical Research Letters that the two lakes are each roughly 8 to 10 square kilometres, and at one point may have been up to three times larger than their current size. Previously, the absence of lakes in Greenland had been explained by the fact that steeper ice surface in Greenland leads to any water below the ice being “squeezed out” to the margin, the researchers said.

“Our results show that subglacial lakes exist in Greenland, and that they form an important part of the ice sheet’s plumbing system,” Lead author Steve Palmer, formerly of the University of Cambridge and now at the University of Exeter, said in a statement. “Because the way in which water moves beneath ice sheets strongly affects ice flow speeds, improved understanding of these lakes will allow us to predict more accurately how the ice sheet will respond to anticipated future warming,” Palme said.

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**Special Coverage**

Rare diplodocus dinosaur sells for $650,000 at British auction

LONDON, 28 Nov — The skeleton of a diplodocus dinosaur that roamed what is now the United States some 160 million years ago was sold for 400,000 pounds ($651,100) to an unidentifiable public institution at an auction in Britain on Wednesday. Misty, as the dinosaur was nicknamed, will later be put on public display, the auctioneers said. It was the remains of the 17-metre (56 ft) female are among the few more or less complete skeletons of diplodocus longus ever found. The sons of the German paleontologist came across Misty’s fossilized bones after their father sent them to hunt another area because they were distracting him from his own search. “The children wanted to find their own bits and pieces, so he sent them where he thought they might find a few fragments but nothing really important, and they came back saying that they had found this enormous bone,” Fuller said. Since the discovery was made on private rather than Federal land, it was possible for the German paleontologist to remove the fossils from the United States. They were sent to Holland, where they were cleaned and assembled, and then to the UK, where Misty was sold to the owner who is about to take her to her new home.
Tongue controller for the paralyzed offers greater independence

NEW YORK, 28 Nov — Bitcoin, a prominent digital currency, soared above $900 the previous day. At 28 Nov — known operator of a digital marketplace, known operator of a bit-

exchange Mt Gox, the best-
to many. Bitcoin hit a high than a month that some see a 400 percent surge in less on Wednesday, extending its rise. The price of the digital cur-

rency bitcoin soared above $900 as people with less severe paralysis can, and in many cases cannot even use voice commands: their voices are often so weak that recognition systems work poorly or not at all.

Even more advanced assistive technologies fall short. Brain-computer inter-
fases (BCIs), which translate brain waves from the scalp into electrical signals that move a motoriz-
eged wheelchair or computer cursor, require intense concentration, have slow response times and are vul-

erable to electronic inter-
erence. The implantable versions are more reliable but can damage brain tis-

ue. The most popular tech-

nology for operating a mo-

torized wheelchair, called sip-and-puff devices, operates simply by inhaling or exhal-
ing into a tube, offers only four commands — forward, backward, left and right — and is also slow and cumbersome.

Engineer Maysam Ghovanloo of the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta thought he could do better. About five years ago he and his colleagues be-
gan developing the tongue-

based system. An early ver-

sion used magnets glued to the tongue, but they fell off.

Dr Anne Laumann of the Feinberg School of Medi-
cine at Northwestern Uni-

versity, a co-author of the new paper, had an idea: use piercing to anchor the mag-

nets in place.

Paralyzed patient Jason Disanto pilots a wheelchair using the Tongue Drive System at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Georgia on 6 April, 2011.—

REUTERS

Brunei’s first kidney transplantation performed successfully

BANDAR SERI BEGawan, 28 Nov — Brunei made a breakthrough in the medical history when the first kidney transplantation was performed successful-

ly in Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha Hospital (RI-

PAS) on 21 November, ac-

cording to a Press release issued on Wednesday.

Previously, local pa-

tients who faced kidney failure sickness and re-

quired transplantation pro-

cedures were required to be sent overseas such as Mal-

aysia and Singapore. To date, the Brunei govern-

ment has sent 27 patients together with the kidney donors to overseas.

While the medical team has been preparing the opera-

tion and done several feasibility studies and researches that helped to improve the facilities and personnel required for the operation.

This medical break-

through was made possible with the great efforts from RIPAS Hospital’s doctors, nurses and consultants that include Dr Jackson Tan, Mr. William Chong, Mr. Tan Khim Kee, Mr Chua Hock Beng, Dratuk Dr Tan Si Yen. Nephrology special-

list from Malaysia and Professor Mohan Rao, Kidney Transplant special-

ist from Australia.

The first patient treat-

ed was Nuraqiyyah Sari-

rah, 21 years old, who re-

ceived the kidney from her biological father Hj Azma-

ni for the kidney transplanta-

tion on 21 November.

Nuraqiyyah Sari-

rah has shown no sign of complications on 25 No-

vember, four days after the operation and is now re-

covering steadily and will be taken care by the medical team in RIPAS Hospital. Her father was discharged on 24 November.—xinhuax

Bitcoin price zooms through $1,000 as enthusiasm grows

NEW YORK, 28 Nov— The price of the digital cur-

rency bitcoin soared above $1,000 for the first time on Wednesday, extending a 400 percent surge in less than a month that some see as a growing bubble in an asset that is still a mystery to many. Bitcoin hit a high of $1,073 on Tokyo-based exchange Mt Gox, the best-

known operator of a bit-

coin digital marketplace, compared with just below $900 the previous day. At the beginning of the month, bitcoin, a prominent digital currency that is not backed

by a government or cen-

tral bank, traded at around $215. The spike in its price has some believing that it has become overvalued in a short period of time, owing to its limited supply and increasing demand.

“An narrow asset class and lots of liquidity is the perfect environment for a rapid burst up in value, and then corrections,” said Sebastien Galy, a currency strategist at Societe Gener-

ale in New York. Bitcoin trades 24 hours a day, every day. The supply of the cur-

rency, which is “mined” by solving math problems, is limited, and recently stood at 12 million bitcoins, worth about $12.9 billion at recent prices. Bitcoin is not backed by physical assets and is not run by any person or group. Its value depends on people’s confidence in the currency. It has gained acceptance by the general public and invest-

ment community but has yet to become an accepted form of payment on the websites of major retailers such as Amazon.com.

Earlier in the month, the US Senate held a hear-

ing on virtual currencies, with some officials express-

ing concern that it is nota-

ble for its use in criminal activity and that there is a lack of regulatory over-

sight. But bitcoin advocates say last week’s Senate hear-

ing amounted to more legiti-

macy to the currency, in part fueling the gains.”It isn’t just the bitcoin community saying that bitcoin is used for good things and there is a lot of great potential.

One of Bitcoin enthusiast Mike Caldwell’s coins in this photo illustration at his office in Sandy, Utah, on 17 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Garlic helps kill contaminants in baby formula

VANCOUVER, 28 Nov — Garlic can significantly re-

duce the contamination risk of Cronobacter sakazakii, a foodborne pathogen that can lead to fatal infections of infants, in the produc-

tion of dry infant formula powder, according to a new Canadian study.

The study, published recently in Applied and En-

vironmental Microbiology, identifies for the first time that two compounds de-

rived from garlic — diallyl sulfide and ajoene — can make the product safer to consume.

The garlic compounds could be used to prevent C. sakazakii contamination on food contact surfaces and in every step of food production—from process-

ing, packaging and deliv-

er, said Lu. “Pipes used in the manufacturing of milk products are typically cleaned with chemicals like chlorine, but these garlic compounds are a natural alternative,” said Lu. “We believe these compounds are more beneficial in protecting babies against this pathogen.”

Xinhua

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Vancouver, 28 Nov — Xinhua
46 killed, 71 wounded in violent attacks in Iraq

Baghdad, 28 Nov — A series of violent attacks across Iraq on Wednesday killed 46 and wounded some 71 others, raising fears that terrorist groups and militia could bring the country to uncontrollable sectarian violence.

At least ten people were killed and 30 others wounded in a suicide bomb attack at a funeral in west of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad on Wednesday, a local police source told Xinhua. The attack occurred in the sunset when a suicide bomber blew himself up at a funeral tent in Abu Ghraib area, some 25 km west of Baghdad, the source said on condition of anonymity.

The toll could rise as ambulances, police and civilian vehicles were evacuating the wounded people to the nearby hospitals and medical centres, the source said.

In western Iraq, the violence began in the morning when a car bomb went off outside Jowaiba police station in Habaniyah area in the east of Ramadi, some 110 km west of Baghdad, the source told Xinhua.

Malian parliamentary vote inconclusive, heads for second round

Bamako, 28 Nov — Mali’s three main political parties secured just 16 seats out of 147 available in the first round of a parliamentary election, provisional results showed on Wednesday.

The election, which took place on Sunday amid low turnout and some voting abuses, was meant to complete the West African country’s transition back to democracy after a coup last year led to an Islamist takeover of the north.

Militants were later driven out by a French-led invasion but pockets of resistance have remained.

The turnout in the election was 38.5 percent, Minister of Territorial Administration Moussa Sinko Coulibaly said late on Wednesday.

Malians will vote again on 15 December in a second round in the constituencies where there was no majority winner.

The party of President Ibrahim Bouhacar Keita, RPM, secured eight seats, according to party official Mahamadou Camara.

Keita’s losing presidential rival, Soumaila Cisse, secured his own seat in Timbuktu and his party won five others, while a third party, Adema-PASJ, took two seats. In total, some 1,087 candidates from 410 electoral lists competed for the 147 parliamentary seats.

The vote is being closely watched by donors which have pledged $3.25 billion to rebuild the impoverished country and bring stability back to the lawless north.—Reuters

Senate-ejected Berlusconi vows to stay in Italian politics

ROME, 28 Nov — Italy’s former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi on Wednesday was stripped of his seat in parliament for immediate effect of a Senate-election vote over his conviction for tax fraud, but he pledged to remain in politics.

Senate Speaker Pietro Grasso declared the media tycoon ineligible for a seat after a seven-hour heated debate with rival senators nearly coming to blows.

Paola Taverna of the anti-establishment Five-Star Movement (M5S), which backed the election along with Prime Minister Enrico Letta’s centre-left Democratic Party (PD), called Berlusconi a “habitual offender.”

“You only aim is to eliminate him,” shouted Manuela Repetti of Berlusconi’s revived centre-right Forza Italia (FI) party.

The vote marked the end of a process which established that Berlusconi cannot sit in parliament nor hold a task in government for six years under an anti-corruption law adopted in 2012 before Italy’s highest court upheld a guilty verdict against him in August.

Berlusconi was given a four-year jail term, commuted to a year because of an amnesty, for tax fraud in buying film rights for his television network. It was the first definitive conviction in two decades of his legal battles, which still continue as he is appealing other prison sentences.

Yet, due to his advanced age, the 77-year-old will not go to jail and has requested to serve the year by doing social service rather than under house arrest. A Milan court is set to start consultation in April to assign him a place to serve the term.

Berlusconi, who has been a big protagonist of Italy’s politics for some 20 years, promised however that his “fight for the good of Italy” will continue.

More bodies found in Mexico mass graves

MEXICO CITY, 28 Nov— The number of corpses found in clandestine mass graves located in Mexico’s western state of Jalisco has increased to 55, Jalisco’s Attorney General Luis Carlos Najera said on Wednesday.

The authorities began early this month to dig up the graves in the towns of Vista Hermosa, in Michoacan state, and La Barca, in Jalisco state, both located in western Mexico. At a Press conference held in Guadalajara, capital of Jalisco, Najera said two more bodies were found in recent hours, but did not mention exactly where they were found.

The authorities now have clues that may lead to those responsible for the killings and mass burials, Najera told reporters.

The mass graves were found when the Mexican Army and local, state and federal police departments searched for two police officers involved in a federal investigation after they were reported missing. The Federal Agency for the Investigation of Organized Crime (SIEDO), which is heading the search, said the bodies of the two federal investigators have not been found.

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Thai specialist team gives free treatment

Thailand provided free health care services to over 200 patients and eye patients at Sasapala Paityatyi Monastery (Wanumkarong of Thailand) in Ward 1 of Kengtung, Shan State (East) on 23 November. MMAL-Maung Maung Naing (IPRD)

Poem recitation marks 93rd National Day

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Seven students from Kyaikse Township participated in the contest.

National Sports

Nay Pyi Taw, 28 Nov.—Myanmar Swimming Federation has chosen eight swimmers including Ma Thet Hmu Shwesin to take part in the spring board event of the XXVII SEA Games.

Myanmar swimmers taking training with spring board

Ma Thet Hmu Shwesin is 11 years old. The swimmers had taken three months joint training in spring board event in China.

Six star floating hotel soon in Botahtaung

Yangon, 28 Nov.—Six star international level floating hotel will soon be opened at Botahtaung Port, here, said Product Manager Ko Lin Han of Hla Hla Pa Pa Co Ltd that had permission for operating the hotel.

The floating hotel was purchased from England.

Since early August, the hotel had arrived at Yangon Port. Then, the hotel was upgraded to be conformity with the Myanmar tradition. The hotel is 105 meters long and 18.4 meters wide with 104 suites and two large restaurants.

“It is an international level six star floating hotel. It is the first ever facility to be opened in Myanmar. We have planned to put it into service in early January 2014. Now, we are making preparations for the inner decoration. It has been complete with modern facilities. Customers at home and abroad will be provided with various facilities including food. The floating hotel will help the visitors and guests enjoy fresh air and panoramic beautiful scene from the port. So, the globetrotters will have the opportunity to enjoy a convenient stay at the floating hotel,” said Product Manager Ko Lin Han.

The floating facility has been constituted with five layers.

As it is an international level facility, the floating hotel will give better services to the customers and travellers.

The floating under preparations with better decoration is named Vintage Luxury Yacht.

Plan underway to construct No 3 railroad at Meiktila Station

Meiktila, 28 Nov.—No 3 railroad will be constructed at Meiktila Station so as to run the Myingyan-Yangon direct passenger train, said U Myint Wai, General Manager of Myanmar Railways.

In meeting with Delivery Unit in the second week of November, member of Meiktila Township Development Supportive Committee U Kyaw Aye asked where there is a plan to use the checking line. The general manager replied that the checking line will be used as No 3 railroad in coming year.

Due to work demand, it will be No 3 railroad for the run of Yangon-Myingyan passenger train. At present, Shwennyang-Thazi-Yangon route is being run on the schedule and Myingyan-Yangon route will be run.

MMAL-Chan Tha (Meiktila) route will be run.

MMAL-Maung Sein (Nay Pyi Taw) route is 11 years old.

The swimmers had taken three months joint training in spring board event in China.

After that, they are under training at 3 Meter Spring Board of the Wunna Theikdhi Swimming Pool as of 22 September.

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MMAL-Maung Sein Lwin/Photo: Min Htet

Shan national races’ New Year Festival 2-3 December

Homalin, 28 Nov.—Shan traditional New Year Festival will be held on a grand scale in Hkamti and Homalin townships of Sagaing Region on 1st Wasing of Nadaw. The New Year festivals will take place at Township Sports Ground in Hkamti of Hkamti Township, Mongkham Model Village, Nawnggaung Model Village and Hramanti Model Village of Homalin Township on 2 and 3 December.

Under the directives of Shan National Races Affairs Minister U San Shwe of Sagaing Region Government, the respective Shan literature and culture committees will organize the New Year festivals.

The new year festivals are aimed at fostering amity among the national races and preserving traditions and customs of Shan national races.—MMAL-Sai Sai (Homalin)

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The ceremony was also attended by memers of Penal of Judges, heads of Township IPRDs in Kyaikse District, students and parents.

MMAL-Tun Tun Naing (Kyaikse)
Myanmar Gazette

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of the following heads of service organizations on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name | Appointment | Director-General, Planning and Statistics Department
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(a) U Tin Tun | (b) Dr Min Than Nyunt

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Director (Admin) U Than Daing of No. 2 Mining Enterprise under the Ministry of Mines as Managing Director of the same enterprise on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duty.

Pyidaungsu...

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Chairpersons U Huay Oo, U Mann Myint Tha, Thura U Aung Ko, U Hla Myint Oo and U Huay Myint, Amyotha Hlutaw committee chairpersons U Aung Tun and Dr Khan Shwe, Pyithu Hlutaw committee secretaries U Saw Hla Tun and U Kyi Tha, committee member Dr Win Myint and officials.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hlutaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann being seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials.

MNA

Seven State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee holds third meeting

YANGON, 28 Nov — 47-member Seven State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee held the third plenary meeting at the Wizaya Mingalar Dhannya Thabin on Kaba Aye Hill today.

During the first day session of the third meeting of the committee, Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa presided over the meeting while Joint Secretary of the committee Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavasaca Pandita Agga through Imphar in 2017 were discussed at the dialogue. Upon completion of the roads, there will be better trade, investment and economy between India and Myanmar.

It was also attended by Deputy Ministers U Han Sein and U Aye Myint Maung and officials from RIS.—MNA

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upgrading of Moreh-Imphar Highway and construction of railroad out during the first period sector-wise.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Hsint supplicated on religious affairs.

The committee also made resolutions after discussing the issues related to vinaya, religious affairs and education reported by Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Hsint.—MNA

Myanmar athletes get free accident insurance for SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Nov—Myanmar Insurance and 11 private insurance companies will provide free accident insurance for 1002 national participants—585 males and 417 females—during the 27th SEA Games.

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Gold plates for Shwedagon Pagoda conveyed

Patintan Ayondaw religious association, which has been uplifting prestige of Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Region, is carrying out religious tasks for Shwedagon Pagoda, the magnificent of the nation.

Yangon, 28 Nov—The 72nd conveyance of gold plates to be offered to Shwedagon Pagoda was launched in front of office of Patintan Ayondaw religious association on Upper Kyimyindine Road of Kyimyindine Township, Yangon West District on 26 November morning.

Chairman of the association cut the ribbon to launch the conveyance of the gold plates and gold foils.

The ceremony was organized by Patintan Ayondaw religious association.

The ceremony was opened with recitation of Namo Tassa three times. Then, the gold plates and gold foils were conveyed on the convoy of the vehicles in a royal ceremonial dresses.

The donations for the pagoda were 18 gold plates weighing three ticals each, 68 gold plates weighing one tical each totalling 86 worth Ky 73.2 million to be offered to Shwedagon Pagoda.

Kyemon-Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung)

Knowledge about legal affairs, crimes shared

DaiKu, 28 Nov—Organized by DaiKu Township Police Force of Bago Region, the educative talks on legal affairs and crimes was held at Kawiya Hall of No 6 Minte ward in DaiKu on 25 November. At first, Township Administrator U Kyaw Swa Aung made a speech. Next, Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Tin Ohn gave talks on criminal knowledge, Township Law Officer Daw L Mr Soe laws and crimes, Leader of Bago Region Anti-Human Trafficking Squad Police Major Win Aung trafficking in persons and Police Major Hein Win of Region Traffic Police Corps traffic rules. Five helmets were awarded to winners from the attendees who correctly answered the questions on traffic rules.

Later, pamphlets were distributed to the attendees.—Nay Lin (Nyunglebin)

As a gesture of honouring the World Children’s Day, Principal Daw Aye Aye Thein and teachers of Apyone Pann Nursery on Ottantar Street in Central Masoeyein Ward of Pyinmana Township feed refreshments to 60 children.—Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho)

Chairman of Tatkon Township Fire Prevention Committee U Aye Lu instructs 50 members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade to discharge security duty at XXVII SEA Games for uplift of prestige of town and country on 25 November. Kyemon-092

Election of new village administrator held

Kyunsu, 28 Nov—A ceremony to elect new village administrator was held in conjunction with the educative talks at the monastery in Kattalu Village of Kyunsu Township on 26 November.

U Nyein Htwe, Township Administrator, formed five members of election committee for supervising election of new village administrator by the local people of their own accord.

Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Win Myat Htut explained preparations for taking census across the nation from 30 March to 10 April 2014.

Officials replied to queries raised by the local people.—Kyemon-Kyunsu IPRD
Obama calls Saudi king over Iran

WASHINGTON, 28 Nov — US President Barack Obama on Wednesday called King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss the negotiations over Iran’s nuclear programme, as the kingdom had shown unhappiness over Washington’s policies toward Egypt, Syria and Iran.

In the phone talks, Obama shared the details of the first-step agreement reached on Sunday in Geneva between Iran and the P5+1 group of Britain, China, France, Russia, the United States plus Germany, the White House said.

The president reaffirmed the importance of Iran “following through on its commitments” of curbing some of its nuclear activities in exchange for eased sanctions by the major powers, the White House said in a readout of the talks.

The two leaders agreed to consult regularly as the six powers pursue follow-up negotiations with Iran with a view to striking a comprehensive deal within the next six months.

“President Obama reiterated the firm commitment of the United States to our friends and allies in the Gulf,” the White House said.—Xinhua

Iran says it continues building at Arak nuclear site despite deal

DUBAI, 28 Nov — Iran will pursue construction at the Arak heavy-water reactor, Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif was quoted as saying on Wednesday, despite a deal with world powers to shelve a project they fear could yield plutonium for atomic bombs.

France, one of the six powers that negotiated Sunday’s landmark initial accord with Iran to curb its disputed nuclear programme, said in response to Zarif’s statement that Tehran had to stick to what was agreed in the Geneva talks.

The uncompleted research reactor emerged as one of several big stumbling blocks in the marathon negotiations, in which Iran agreed to restrain its atomic activities for six months in return for limited sanctions relief. The agreement is intended to buy time for talks on a final settlement of the dispute.

Western powers fear Arak could be a source of plutonium — one of two materials, along with highly enriched uranium, that can be used for the core of a nuclear weapon — once it is operational. Iran says it would produce medical isotopes only.

“The according to the agreed text, Iran said it would not make “any further advances of its activities” on the Arak reactor, under construction near a western Iranian town with that name.

“Capacity at the Arak site is not going to increase. It means no new nuclear fuel will be produced and no new installations will be installed, but construction will continue there,” Zarif told parliament in translated comments broadcast on Iran’s Press TV.—Reuters

Colombia recalls Ambassador to Nicaragua over maritime dispute

BOGOTA, 28 Nov — Colombia has recalled its Ambassador to Nicaragua for consultations over an ongoing territorial dispute that a ruling by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in favour of the Central American country has failed to resolve.

Foreign Minister Maria Angela Holguin said on Wednesday.

“We have decided to call our ambassador, Luz Stella Jara, who should be arriving tomorrow, so she can report on why it is impossible to have a dialogue with Nicaragua,” Holguin told a Press conference.

The ICJ affirmed last year that a series of islands strategic for fishing, the San Andres archipelago, belong to Colombia, but at the same time extended Nicaragua’s jurisdiction in the Caribbean waters, angering the South American country.

Colombia has refused to abide by the decision, saying its borders must be set by treaties and not by court verdicts, leading Nicaragua to present a new lawsuit at the ICJ Tuesday.

Nicaragua’s most recent suit demands Colombia respect the initial ICJ ruling, which gives it rights over 75,000 square kilometers of formerly Colombian waters.

“We have said our legal framework impedes us from implementing the verdict and we are awaiting the pronouncement of the ICJ. The court is still within the time period to decide on the claim submitted by the president (Juan Manuel Santos), that will make clear which path we must follow,” she added.

Holguin said Nicaragua should have communicated with Colombia before filing a new suit.—Xinhua

EU leaders set for frosty dinner with Ukraine’s Yanukovich

BRUSSELS, 28 Nov — European leaders will come face-to-face with Viktor Yanukovich on Thursday for the first time since the Ukrainian president spurned their offer of a free-trade deal and decided to seek closer ties with Russia instead.

In a meeting that promises to be one of the frostier moments of political theatre this year, Yanukovich plans to attend a dinner in the Lithuanian capital Vilnius to honor the Eastern Partnership, the EU’s four-year-old programme of outreach to former Soviet states.

Ukraine had been expected to sign a far-reaching free-trade and political association deal with the EU at the Vilnius summit, the result of years of negotiation.

But last week, following intense pressure from Moscow and growing concerns about Ukraine’s dire economic situation, Yanukovich announced he wasn’t ready to sign the EU deal yet and would bolster links with Russia.

“It is not clear what the Ukrainian leader hopes to achieve by attending the Vilnius dinner, especially after dismissing the EU’s trade offer, which would have come with around 600 million euros ($800 million) of financial support, as “humiliating”.

But he appears minded to keep his options open, according short-term support from Moscow, which supplies Ukraine with gas, without committing to Russia’s Customs Union with Kazakhstan and Belarus, and all the while keeping the EU within reach.

“When it corresponds to our interests, when we have agreed (with the EU) on normal conditions, then we can consider signing,” he said on Tuesday.

“When will we sign? Soon or not soon? I would like the time to be as soon as possible.”—Reuters

Gunman in California wounds policeman, holds hostages in suburban home

LOS ANGELES, 28 Nov — A gunman shot and wounded a police officer responding to a domestic violence call in the Los Angeles suburb of Inglewood on Wednesday and the shooter barricaded himself inside the home with a number of hostages, police said.

The officer, who was shot several times, was hospitalized in critical but stable condition, said an Inglewood police desk officer.

The wounded policeman was accompanied by a woman officer and was shot as he approached the home.

“Before they could even get to the front door, they were under fire,” Inglewood police Captain James Madia told reporters.

“The male officer was struck in the chest. The female officer also, in trying to scramble and help the male officer and protect him, fell down, was slightly injured but not hit by gunfire.”

The gunman and the hostages, believed to be the residents of the home, were still inside the house, police said.—Reuters

India's Bihar state on 27 Nov, 2013. At least seven people were injured when a foot overbridge collapsed at a railway station and caved in on a passing goods train in Bihar on Wednesday, a railway official said.—Xinhua

A general view of the Arak heavy-water project, 190 km (120 miles) southwest of Teheran on 15 Jan, 2011. REUTERS

People stand at the site of the overbridge collapse in Muzaffarpur town of east India’s Bihar state on 27 Nov, 2013. At least seven people were injured when a foot overbridge collapsed at a railway station and caved in on a passing goods train in Bihar on Wednesday, a railway official said.—Xinhua

A student attends a rally in support of EU integration in Kiev on 26 Nov, 2013.—Reuters
TEPCO to exempt park land holdings from asset sales

Tokyo, 28 Nov— Struggling Tokyo Electric Power Co plans to exempt its national park land holdings in Gunma Prefecture from asset sales under its new reconstruction programme following the 2011 crisis at its Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant.

TEPCO has been selling assets to help pay compensation related to the 2011 crisis at its Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant.

The company tentatively exempted the land holdings in Oze National Park from sale under its current reconstruction programme released in May 2012, as requested by the prefectural government that is concerned about environmental deterioration in the park.

TEPCO has given priority to environmental conservation in the park and expects to retain the land holdings while cutting maintenance costs, the sources said.

The utility owns 16,000 hectares of land on the Gunma Prefecture side of the national park that extends into three other prefectures, accounting for 40 percent of the entire park.

It has already reduced annual maintenance costs for the land holdings from 400 million yen before the nuclear disaster to 300 million yen in the year to last March.—Xinhua

Shenzen gets new air terminal

Shenzen Bao’an International Airport opens its new terminal on 28 Nov. —Xinhua

Of the approximately 30 million passengers annually in 2011 and 2012, 5 percent were international, but that number is expected to rise sharply.

According to projections, by 2015 the airport will be serving 38 million passengers, with 3.3 million of those being international. It will handle 1.3 million tons of freight.

Travellers inside the terminal will have access to 25 electric-powered vehicles that can move them through the cavernous facility, as well as 10 baby strollers.

There’s even a chapel for religious observances.—Xinhua

Indian delegation to discuss Iran oil payment mechanism

New Delhi, 28 Nov— The Indian government on Wednesday said it would soon send a delegation to Iran to work out the payment mechanism for crude oil purchased from that country.

“An Indian delegation will soon visit Iran to discuss the oil payment mechanism following Sunday’s deal between Iran and the major world powers on that country’s nuclear programme,” Indian Petroleum Secretary Vivek Rae told the media in the national capital.

India recently started negotiations with Iran after Tehran declined to accept rupee payment from New Delhi beyond 45 percent for purchase of crude oil.

The Petroleum Secretary also said India might look at higher Iranian crude imports in the next fiscal year.

“But that depends on the western powers easing economic sanctions against Iran following the nuclear agreement,” he said.

India is Iran’s second-largest buyer of crude oil.

Xinhua

Philippines to boost mangrove restoration after typhoon attack

Manila, 28 Nov — The Philippine government will allot some 347 million pesos (7.94 million US dollars) for the restoration of mangrove and natural beach forests in coastal areas battered by Typhoon Haiyan, locally known as Yolanda, a senior government official said on Wednesday.

Environment Secretary Ramon Paje said the massive coastal rehabilitation program will cover worst-hit areas in central Philippines, particularly the Province of Leyte and its capital Tacloban City.

“Tacloban is a major concern given its being a major population center, but the undertaking will cover practically the entire eastern seaboard of Eastern Visayas,” he said.

He said the main objective is to restore the region’s degraded coastal forests to make its coastlines less vulnerable to extreme weather events.

The government has acknowledged that most of those 5,500 people who perished from the 8 Nov typhoon were due to drowning because of strong storm surges.

Paje said that mangroves are natural barriers against tsunamis, storm surge and other wave action, and therefore, should not be destroyed.

Under the plan, some 19 million seedlings and propagules from mangrove trees and beach forest species will be planted over 1,900 hectares of coastline under the National Greening Programme.

Xinhua

Sanitation workers clear snow on a road in Huma County, northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, on 27 Nov, 2013. A strong cold front is sweeping central and eastern China, bringing temperature drop and strong winds.—Xinhua

Vietnam highlights cooperation with foreign NGOs

Hanoi, 28 Nov — Vietnam has cooperated with more than 950 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with a disbursement of around 300 million US dollars annually over the past ten years, said Don Tuan Phong, Vice President of the Vietnam Union of Friendship Organizations.

Addressing the third international conference on relations between Vietnam and foreign NGOs opened in Vietnam’s capital Hanoi on Thursday, Phong said ten years since the second conference held in 2003, Vietnam has received more than 2.3 billion US dollars in assistance from foreign NGOs, a two-time increase over 740 million US dollars in 1993-2002 period.

Among the foreign NGOs in Vietnam, 42 percent are from Europe, 40 percent from North America and the rest from Asia-Pacific and other regions.

Cooperation with foreign NGOs covers almost every field from healthcare, education to environment protection and tackling climate change, which significantly contributes to Vietnam’s socio-economic development, said Ha Kim Ngoc, Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs.

During the two-day event, nearly 800 delegates from Vietnam and foreign NGOs will discuss priorities and demand of Vietnam’s cooperation direction in 2013-2017.

Xinhua

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV SINGMA TRADER VOY NO (-)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINGMA TRADER VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29.11.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.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.

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Undeterred by perils, migrants flee hardship in Eritrea

Migrants from North Africa arrive, escorted by Italian Guardia di Finanza, at the southern Italian island of Lampedusa in this 14 March, 2011 file picture. REUTERS

Possible winter storm may hamper US Thanksgiving travel

WASHINGTON, 28 Nov — As Thanksgiving holiday approaches this week in the United States, a developing storm system is predicted to bring winter weather from Appalachians to New England on Tuesday, affecting travelers in this busy holiday season.

According to the National Weather Service, heavy snow is possible on Tuesday from the Tennessee- see Valley to western New England, with freezing rain possible across the Appalachians and western Mid-Atlantic into the Northeast. Meanwhile, heavy rainfall is forecast across parts of the South- east and Mid-Atlantic, with severe thunderstorms possible for parts of Florida and the coastal Southeast.

The wintry weather has already led to more than 100 flights canceled in the炒股 across the country and claimed at least 12 lives, according to US media reports, and some delays are anticipated at airports along the path of the storm, especially after snow and freezing rain move into New England on Tuesday night, increasing the chances of cancellations and delays.
Malian music by moonlight seems far from country’s woes

Tamikrest perform at the Sahel music festival in the Lompoul desert in Senegal on 22 Nov, 2013. Reuters

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Malian music by moonlight seems far from country’s woes**

LOMPOUL (Senegal), 28 Nov — Encircled by moon-lit sand dunes, desert blues band Tamikrest from Mali’s northern city of Kidal was the headline act at a Sahel music festival this weekend, held seemingly light years away from unrest in the group’s native country.

The six-man Tuareg band strummed out mellow, hypnotic electric-guitar driven ballads on the themes of suffering and kinship in the local Tuareg language Tamashak.

“Are you sleeping out there?”, joked 28-year-old lead singer Ousmane Ag Mossa, his 6-inch (15-cm) tall afro silhouetted against the stage, before switching to more upbeat songs like “Aranat N Tinariwen” that had the bulk of the 1,500-person audience dancing on the sand and crying out for more.

The Tuareg blues band and a West African “griot” storyteller were among the top acts at the fourth Sahel music festival which has gathered momentum in the face of security concerns knocked a Timbuktu event off the calender for the second year.

Tamikrest, virtually unheard of a few years ago, is building on the popularity of the Grammy-award winning Tuareg band Tinariwen, from the same region of Mali.

They plan a European tour this winter to promote their third album “Chatma”, meaning “Sisters”, which is about the courage of women.

Blue artists in America drew inspiration from the Sahel and Tamikrest is living proof. Asked in an interview after the concert how he would describe the music, Mossa said: “Nostalgic. It’s close to the blues which was also born in difficult circumstances.”

He was also inspired by artists like Bob Marley, who similarly told the story of a displaced people through music.

“Education was difficult for us so we turned to music with the same objectives—to make our (Tuareg) culture known,” the singer said.

“Our battle is to have a place in politics so that things don’t happen without our consent,” he added.

For the festival’s organizer Rafael Rodriguez, the goal of bringing together Sahel musicians was not to dwell on the region’s problems, but to transcend them by focusing on the qualities of “tolerance and hospitality”. —Reuters

**Int’l festival of operatic singers back to Tirana**

TIRANA, 28 Nov — The International Festival of Operatic Singers “Marie Kraja” is back for its 13th edition on the stage of the National Theatre of Opera and Ballet in Tirana after a cessation last year.

Albanian and international opera singers will perform the world’s greatest lyrical music pieces at the 2013 edition of the “Marie Kraja” operatic festival, named after one of Albania’s most famous sopranos, from 30 November to 1 December.

Young opera singers from Europe, America, and Asia and, for the first time, from Australia will compete at this year’s edition. The festival will also see the performances by five Albanian lyric tenors.

The festival’s jury is comprised of renowned personalities of the Albanian and international opera.

Established in 1990, soon after Marie Kraja passed away at the age of 88, the festival was initially held as a national competition, before becoming Albania’s only internationally renowned operatic festival in the next few editions.

Xinhua

**Actors Ashton Kutcher, Demi Moore finalize divorce**

LOS ANGELES, 28 Nov — Actors Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore have finalized their divorce two years after separating, bringing official closure for one of Hollywood’s most prominent couples. The end to the eight-year marriage was made final on Tuesday in Los Angeles Superior Court, with both actors agreeing not to pay spousal support.

In March, Moore, 51, had asked the court to grant her financial support from Kutcher, an unusual move for one of the top-earning women in Hollywood during the 1990s. Kutcher, the star of CBS television comedy “Two and a Half Men,” filed for divorce from Moore in December 2012 after more than a year of separation. He cited irreconcilable differences with the “G.I. Jane” star. The 35-year-old film and TV star has been the highest-paid actor on television for the last two years, earning an estimated $24 million annually, according to Forbes magazine. —Reuters

**‘Oldboy’ serves up gritty revenge for Thanksgiving audience**

The soundtrack from the latest “Hunger Games” film, “Catching Fire,” features, Alternative rock artists such as Capital Cities, Fun. and Matchbox Twenty, rounded out the top 10.

On the digital songs chart, which measures song downloads, Eminem’s “The Monster” featuring Rihanna kept its reign at No 1 with 241,000 downloads. New Zealand singer Lorde’s “Royals” climbed one spot to No 2 and OneRepublic’s “Counting Stars” fell one spot to No 3. Overall album sales for the week ending November 24 totaled 5.29 million, down 46 percent from the comparable week in 2012, according to Billboard. —Reuters

**US rapper Eminem performs during the Abu Dhabi F1 Grand Prix After Race closing concert at the du Arena on Yas Island on 4 Nov, 2012.**—Reuters

**Eminem ousts Lady Gaga to reclaim top spot on Billboard 200 chart**

LOS ANGELES, 28 Nov — Rapper Eminem climbed back to No 1 on the Billboard 200 album chart on Wednesday after ousting last week’s chart-topper Lady Gaga.

Eminem’s “The Marshall Mathers LP 2” re-claimed the top spot on the weekly album chart with sales of 120,000, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan.

The record had debuted at No 1 following its release on 5 November with sales of 792,000 copies, the second-largest opening week this year behind Justin Timberlake’s “The 20/20 Experience,” which opened with 968,000 copies in March.

Lady Gaga’s latest effort “ARTPOP” debuted at No 1 last week with 258,000 copies, but sales dropped by 82 percent in its second week, as the record fell to No 8 in the chart with 46,000 units sold.

Five new debuts entered the top 10 of the Billboard 200 this week, led by heavy metal rockers Five Finger Death Punch at No 2 with “The Wrong Side of Heaven and the Righteous Side of Hell Vol 2.”

—Reuters
Goal frenzy as Real, United and PSG all advance

Real Madrid’s Gareth Bale (L) tries to dribble Galatasaray’s Emmanuel Eboue during their Champions League soccer match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 27 Nov, 2013.— Reuters

Real Madrid, Manchester United and Paris St Germain reached the last 16 of the Champions League on Wednesday when the goals flowed all over Europe with United the highest scorers in a 5-0 win at Bayer Leverkusen. Real, Shakhtar Donetsk and Manchester City all scored four as 36 goals went in and the last 16 began to take shape with half the qualifiers known with one round of matches to play.

Real, United and PSG joined already qualified Bayern Munich, Manchester City, Chelsea, Atletico Madrid and Barcelona in the knockout stages. Juventurs, Benfica and Shakhtar all boosted their chances of joining them with the final round of matches to be played on 10 and 11 December.

Holders Bayern, assured of their last-16 place before Wednesday’s Group D matches, set a Champions League record of 10 successive wins with a 3-1 victory at CSKA Moscow which beat the record of nine established by Barcelona in 2002-03. Bayern won in the wintry Russian capital with goals from Arjen Robben, Mario Goetze and a Thomas Muller penalty.

“Playing on this pitch today was a bit adventurous,” coach Pep Guardiola said when asked about the snow.

“It was difficult because the players had no grip. But over 90 minutes we were better than our opponents. Getting 10 wins in a row is very hard and I am proud of my players, the club and everyone involved.”

In warmer conditions in Madrid, Gareth Bale, the world’s most expensive player, opened the scoring with a stunning free kick in a 4-1 triumph over Galatasaray that ensured record nine-times European champions Real took top spot in Group B.

Real were without the injured Cristiano Ronaldo but were too strong for the Turkish side even though defender Sergio Ramos was dismissed before halftime, the 17-year-old card of his Real career.

Juventus moved from bottom spot to second in the same group with a 3-1 win over FC Copenhagen in Turin. Arturo Vidal scoring a hat-trick that included two penalties.

Manchester United scored their biggest away win in the Champions League by crushing Leverkusen 5-0 in Group A with goals from Antonio Valencia, an own goal from Emir Spahic, Jonny Evans, Chris Smalling and Nani. Although he did not score, Wayne Rooney was outstanding while Ryan Giggs, two days before his 40th birthday, was also hugely impressive.

Paris St Germain also made it through by beating Olympiakos Piraeus 2-1 in France after Zlatan Ibrahimovic gave them the lead with an early goal on his 100th Champions League appearance.

The match appeared to be going away from PSG when Marco Verratti was sent off early in the second half and Kostas Manolas equalised for the visitors with nine minutes left. But Edinson Cavani sealed the win with an emphatic drive in the 90th minute to lift PSG on to 13 points. While PSG were securing top spot in Group C, Benfica improved their chances in the same section with a late winner in a 3-2 victory at Anderlecht that took them up to seven, the same as Olympiakos.

Sydney, 28 Nov—

World number two Adam Scott’s victory lap of his home nation draws to a close this weekend, with the US Masters champion bidding to win the Australian Open for a clean sweep of the country’s three marquee tournaments.

Australia’s first winner at Augusta, Scott has battled exhaustion in a frenetic four-week swing Down Under, where he has won the national PGA and Masters titles in successive weeks before a third place finish at the World Cup on Sunday.

Amid the grind of training, playing, media appearances and sponsor events, Scott has enjoyed showing off his green jacket to fans and given a huge boost to the embattled local tour which has been devoured by the US Tour’s new wraparound schedule.

Barring a terrible qualifying, Scott will be at Royal Melbourne last week, which all but dashed his hopes of winning the World Cup. Scott has played impeccable golf on home soil but will be asked for more special effort at Royal Sydney to clinch the ‘triple crown’ Down Under.

The pressure to succeed in sport is pushing more and more athletes towards stress-related illnesses, says Rory McIlroy, who is looking to put a troubled year on and off the course behind him at this week’s Australian Open.

McIlroy, who slipped from the top of the rankings to world number six after a winless 2013, said the mental toll of sport can take on you sometimes.

“Hopefully he gets home and spends some time with his family and recovers and can come back.”

“As sport becomes so big and there’s so much pressure and so much on the line, it’s becoming more and more common that these sorts of stress-related illnesses are happening and it just shows how much of a mental toll it takes on you sometimes.”

The 24-year-old acknowledged there was a world of difference between casual banter on the golf course and the sledging that took place in Brisbane, where England were thrashed by 381 runs in the first test.

“I think the sledging this year has probably been a bit worse than other years as well,” the Northern Irishman added.

Flamengo beat Paranaense to lift Brazilian Cup

Rio de Janeiro, 28 Nov — Flamengo scored two late goals to seal a 3-1 aggregate win over Atletico Paranaense in the Brazilian Cup final on Wednesday and book a place in next year’s Copa Libertadores.

After the first leg ended in a 1-1 draw, midfielder Elias struck in the 86th minute and Hernane hit a second with the last kick of the game to give the Rio club a deserved victory 2-0 in the return.

The win was particularly sweet for manager Jave de Almeida, who took over at the club in September after a 4-2 league defeat by the same opponents prompted Mano Menezes to resign.

It was a tense match with few moments of skill but that did not bother the vast majority of the almost 70,000 fans who packed the Maracana stadium to see Flamengo lift the trophy for the fifth time.

The result means Flamengo qualify for next year’s Copa Libertadores, South America’s equivalent of Europe’s Champions League.

Hernane of Flamengo celebrates after scoring against Atletico Paranaense during their Copa do Brasil final soccer match in Rio de Janeiro on 27 Nov, 2013.— Reuters
Asleep in Jesus
Zeya Kyaw Htin
Colonel Paul Tun Shein
Commander (Retired)
No (77) Light Infantry Division
No. 3rd Batch, Officer Training School,
Maymyo

Beloved Son of (Elisha U Kywe, Principle of Dio School, Shwe Bo, and Elizabeth Daw Than Tin), son in law of (U Bo An and Daw Saw), beloved husband of (Daw Tin Tin Ohn); residing at No.67, Bo Yar Nyunt Road, Yaw Min Gyi Ward, Dagon Townshp, Yangon, beloved father of Dr. Than Htein Win (Deputy Director C.E.U. (Rtd) and Dr. Si Si Tun (O.G. Specialist), U Thein Zan (Admin Officer, UNICEF Yangon) and Daw Yu Yu Tun, U Zaw Lin Tun (Secretary, Mon State Government) and Daw San San Lwin, beloved grandfather and great grand-
father of 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren
fall asleep in Jesus on 27 Nov, 2013 (Wednesday)
at 1:40 pm. Prayer Session will be held on 29-11-2013 (Friday) 9 am at Holy Trinity Cathedral, at the cor-
ner of Shwedagon Pagoda Road and Bogyoke Aung San Road. The remain will be entombed at Yay Wai
Ecumenical garden.

Bereaved Family

S African president signs Protection of Personal Information Bill

CAPE TOWN, 28 Nov — South African President Jacob Zuma on Wednesday signed into law the Protec-
tion of Personal Informa-
tion Bill which protects citizens’ right to privacy. “The Act will give ef-
tect to the right to privacy, by introducing measures to ensure that the personal information of an individ-
ual is safeguarded when it is processed by responsi-
bles parties,” presidential spokesman Mac Maharaj said in a statement.
The Act also seeks to balance the right to pr-
ivacy against other rights, particularly the right of access to information, and to generally protect im-
portant interests, including the free flow of informa-
tion within and across the borders of the repub-
lic, said Maharaj.

“Containing eight prin-
ciples responsible parties need to comply with, the Bill gives expression to the right to privacy provided for in the Constitution.”
The right to privacy includes the right to protec-
tion against unlawful col-
lection, retention, dissemi-
nation and use of anyone’s personal information.

“The Bill is compre-
hensive and regulates the manner in which personal information may be pro-
cessed, by establishing conditions in harmony with international standards that prescribe the minimum threshold requirements for the lawful processing of personal information,” the parliamentarian Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Develop-
ment said after MPs passed the Act in August.

As a means of achiev-
ing its objectives, the Bill establishes the Office of the Information Regulator as an independent, statutory body, accountable to the National Assembly.
The Information Regu-
lator, amongst other du-
ties and functions, will take over from the Human Rights Commission powers and functions relating to the Promotion of Access to In-
fornation Act (PAIA).

This Bill will bring South Africa in line with international data protec-
tion laws.

Xinhua

Ex-Saison Group head Seiji Tsutsumi dies at 86

TOKYO, 28 Nov — Seiji Tsutsumi, former head of the Saison Group retail chain, died at a To-
kyo hospital on Monday, his family said on Thurs-
day. He was 86.

Tsutsumi was known as a poet, novelist and com-
mentator under the names of Takashi Tsuji and Ikko Yokose.

Tsutsumi was the son of the founder of Seibu Railway Co, Yasujiro Tsutsumi (1889-1964), who once served as speak-
er of the House of Represen-
tatives. Tsutsumi’s half-brother Yoshikas, 79, was the former head of the Seibu Railway group.

Tsutsumi won many awards for his works, such as “Nui no misaki” (Rainbow-
bow Cape) and “Chichi no shozou” (Portrait of My Father).

He once headed Sei-
ibu Department Stores Ltd, which is now part of Sogo & Seibu Co under Seven & I Holdings Co, operator of the Ito-Yokado super-
market and Seven-Eleven convenience store chains.

Tsutsumi was cho-
sen as a person of cultural merit in 2012.

Kyodo News

Argentine eight-year-old Messi lookalike makes headlines

BUENOS AIRES, 28 Nov — An Argentine eight-
year-old prodigy from the southern Andes who could be mistaken as a clone of Lionel Messi may soon be taking the same road to soccer glory as the Barcelona ace.

Claudio Nancufil, small for his age, has be-
come a media sensation since emerging as an unu-
sual talent at the modest Martin Guemes club in the ski resort of Bariloche.

“As soon as he started to play (aged four) he was already different from all the rest of his playmates with regards to technique,” club president Marcelo Ern-
alz said.

“How he takes the ball stuck to his foot, brakes,

stops, kicks, scores, shoots on goal, from when he was little he had all these dis-
tinct qualities,” said Ermalz, who also trains one of the age group teams at his club.

Spanish giants Bar-
celona, Real Madrid and Atlético Madrid have shown interest and the boy could go to Spain for trials in the New Year, according to the Madrid newspaper El Confidencial.

Ermalz told Reuters that Spaniard Manuel Ote-
ro, manager of Barcelona-

based PR agency Sueos Comunicaciones (dreams communications), visited the Nancufil family in Bar-
iloche when he heard of Claudio’s talent and offered to represent them.

“Af ter the Christmas holidays, ‘Claudito’ (lit-
tle Claudio) will go to try out with these three Spanish teams and then we’ll see what each of them of-
fers us,” said Otero, whose agency normally has actors and musicians on its books.

Big Argentine clubs are also interested.

“We’ve had an invita-
tion from River Plate for him to train for a week with them,” Otero added in a re-
port in El Confidencial.

Reuters

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Main power gridslinking 120 MW two gas power plants which can supply power demands in Yangon region have been installed recently.

These two gas power plants are being built in the compound of Insein Ywama gas power plant. The construction is scheduled to be completed in December.

For power distribution of these two gas power plants to Hlinethaya main power station, the installation of 7.27-mile-long Ywama-Hlinethaya double main power grid (230 KV) has been completed by 98 percent. The installation of power grid linking tension towers No. 40 and No. 3 in Tuchaung village, Htantabin Township was completed on 24 November. It can fulfill summer power demands in Yangon Region as construction of power grids has been completed by cent per cent, explained Project Manager U Thet Paing Myo and Township Electrical Engineer U Aung Myo Tun.

**Byline:** Maung Tha Phyan (Htantabin)

— A gym and fitness centre is being kept open at Nay Pyi Taw Athletes’ Village for SEA Games athletes to have access to fitness and stamina training. The centre is equipped with strength and endurance training equipment.

As the centre is close to athletes’ buildings, members of ASEAN sports contingents will be able to get necessary training there. A banner reading “Take training under supervision of instructors” is displayed in the hall of the centre. It is because extreme exercises can have a negative impact on fitness and strength of athletes. The gym and fitness centre was put into service on 24 November, allowing athletes to take fitness and stamina training.

At the ceremony, Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye, Deputy Minister Daw Le Le Thein, the Indian ambassador to Myanmar and the chairman of Research and Information System for Development Country (RIS) from India made speeches.

The scholars from Myanmar and India discussed the topics titled “Connectivity and Trade Facilitation” and “Transforming Connectivity Corridor into Economic Corridor”. Emergence of India-Myanmar-Thailand Tripartite Highway in 2016, easy access to the border gate in Tamu in Myanmar and Moreh in India via Mandalay, was accompanied by Pyithu Hluttaw committee.

**Union FM sends message of felicitations to Albanian counterpart**

**India-Myanmar-Thailand Tripartite Highway to emerge in 2016**

**Two gas power plants to meet summer power demands in Yangon**

**Gym and Fitness Centre for SEA Games athletes**