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Thailand's Universities confer Honorary degrees on President U Thein Sein

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—A ceremony to confer Honorary Doctoral Degree of Philosophy in Public Administration by Mae Fah Luang University and Honorary Doctorate in Political Science by Naresuan University of Thailand on President U Thein Sein, took place at the Presidential Palace here this morning.

The ceremony was attended by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, the Union ministers, University council chairmen from Mae Fah Luang University and Naresuan University, chancellors, rectors and professors, students and officials from Yezin Agricultural University, University of Forestry and University of Veterinary Science.

Dr Vanchai Sirichana, President of Mae Fah Luang University delivered an honourable speech on the occasion. Later, General Sampao Choosri, Chair of Mae Fah Luang University conferred Honorary Doctoral Degree of Philosophy in Public Administration on the President.

Afterwards, the President, the Vice-President, the acting Union Minister for Education, the Chair and party posed for a documentary photo. The conferment of Honorary Doctorate in Political Science by Naresuan University followed. On the occasion, Dr Krasae Chanawongse, Chairman of Naresuan University Council gave an honourable speech. Later, Honorary Doctorate in Political Science was conferred on the President by Dr Sujin Jinahyon, President of Naresuan University.

President U Thein Sein spoke words of thanks. He said he believes the conferring of these Honorary Doctorate Degrees is the recognition of the endeavors of the entire people and his efforts in striving to fulfill the political, economic and social aspirations of the Myanmar people, taking into consideration the history of Myanmar, current political conditions and anticipating the challenges ahead.

He continued that today, they are advancing on the road to democracy with strategic goals to build a new democratic nation. In doing so, we are undertaking political, economic and people-centered development reforms, and promotion of the private sector.

In transforming from a centralized system to a democratic one, we are shifting smoothly from a centralized economic system to a market-oriented economic system and from a centralized administrative system to people-centered one.

The main objective of our government is to achieve peace and tranquility in the country and to attain socio-economic development of the people.

In order to achieve political stability in the country, political prisoners were released on many occasions to enable them to participate in the political process. Moreover, we are striving our utmost in carrying out peace-making activities to bring to an end to the armed conflicts with ethnic armed groups, he added.

As politics and socio-economic development are closely intertwined, in the political reform process, we are also carrying out economic reforms. Our nation has been under economic sanctions for nearly 20 years. Poverty rate is the highest in rural areas where the majority of the people are residing. So we are now drawing up work plans for rural area development and poverty alleviation as a national priority.

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President U Thein Sein, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and Acting Union Minister Dr Myo Myint pose for a documentary photo with University council chairmen from Mae Fah Luang University and Naresuan University, chancellors, rectors and professors at the ceremony.—MNA

Dr Sujin Jinahyon, President of Naresuan University confers Honorary Doctorate in Political Science on President U Thein Sein.—MNA

President U Thein Sein's radio message on air

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Nov—A radio message to be delivered by U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, will be broadcast through radio programmes from 1 to 3 December. Myanma Radio, Mandalay FM, Pyinsawady FM, Shwe FM, Cherry FM, Padamya FM, FM Bagan and Thazin Radio will broadcast the message at 7 am, 10 am, 6 pm and 8 pm.—*MNA*

President U Thein Sein accepts Honorary Doctoral Degree of Philosophy in Public Administration presented by General Sampao Choosri, Chair of Mae Fah Luang University.—MNA

LOCAL NEWS

Myoma High School marks 93rd Anniversary of National Day

YANGON, 29 Nov— The 93rd Anniversary of National Day was marked at No. 2 Basic Education High School (Myoma Kyaung) in Dagon Township, on 27 November.

On the occasion, students of the school sang Pyi Myanmar song.

Dagon Township Administrator U Nay Myo Than read out the National Day message sent by President U Thein Sein.

Next, Patron Maj-Gen Sein Htwar (Retd) of the school board of trustees presented prize of honour to Headmaster U Aye Thin who is carrying out development tasks of the school.

Patron Daw Khin Than Nwe of the Parent-Teacher Association and officials concerned awarded outstanding students.

Patron Rear-Admiral Chit Hlaing (Retd) of the school board of trustees expressed words of thanks.

The ceremony came to an end with the song titled "national prestige" of students.

Kyemon-Ye Ye Thant

Legel Affairs

Kayah State Judge inspects custody of Dimawhso Myoma Police Station

LOIKAW, 29 Nov— Judge of the High Court of Kayah State Daw Than Than Aye accompanied by the head of office and the judge of Loikaw District, inspected the custody of Dimawhso Myoma Police Station on 26 November.

Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Kyaw Zaw and Commander of Police Station Police Captain Mya Aung explained the accommodation, health care and rights of prisoners in line with the law.—*Kyemon*

Traffic rule breakers taken action in Taikkyi

TAIKKYI, 29 Nov—A combined team comprising members of police force, Fire Services Department and ward administrators led by Deputy Staff Officer U Khin Zaw Lin of General Administration Department from Township Traffic Rules Supervisory Committee were taking action against the motorcyclists in breach of traffic rules and do not wear helmet in front of Fire Services Department on Yangon-Pyay Road in Taikkyi Township of Yangon Region yesterday morning. It is learnt that the arrested traffic rule breakers will end up in court.

Kyemon-Tun Hlaing (Myaing)

Main suspect and three others charged in Nyaunglebin murder

NYAUNGLEBIN, 29 Nov—Nyaunglebin police have charged a main suspect and three others three days after a 20-year-old young man was stabbed to death following a brawl at a roadside food stall in Myoma ward-2 of Madauk in Nyaunglebin Township, Bago Region on 19 November.

Although his three friends fled the scene, Zaw Waing of Seikkalay village in Shwekyin died from a single stab wound to his left chest in the fist fight with four men at the food stall while Madauk celebrated Tazaungdine festival on that day.

Police investigations revealed that Chit Ko who is believed to have stabbed the victim and three accomplices, Pyaung Gyi (a) Kyaw Min Thein, Po Thingyan and Pe Thar Tun got involved in the fatal incident. They were taken into police custody and necessary measures are underway to bring them to trial.—*Kyemon-Nay Lin-Nyaunglebin*

Sawmill owner, accomplices face charges in cutting teak logs illegally

MYINMU, 29 Nov— Myinmu Police said acting on a tip-off, a combined force led by Head of Myinmu Township Forest Department U Tin Soe and Police Captain Ohn Lwin seized 6.1789 tons of illegal teak together with six sawmill workers in a compound in Kantha ghetto of Myinmu on 26 November.

Investigations revealed that the owner of the seized illegal teak was U Chit Ngwe who ran a sawmill in the compound.

Myinmu police station filed lawsuits against the sawmill owner and his workers.—*Kyemon-Ko Ko Naing (Myinmu)*

58 grenades found in Waibargi ward

YANGON, 29 Nov— A total of 58 rusty grenades in earth were found while earth were taken from the truck at the house of Daw Aye Aye Mon (a) Daw Pyone, 52, in Waibargi of North Okkalapa Township on 27 November morning.

According to the information of the owner about the findings, township officials rushed to the house and made investigations on the grenades and handed them over to Indaing Ordnance Detachment. The driver of the truck is under investigation.—*Kyemon-035*

World AIDS Day

GETTING TO ZERO

Zero New HIV Infections. Zero Discrimination and Zero AIDS related Deaths

1st December, 2013

Locals happy with Lakekanchaung culvert's building

MAGWAY, 29 Nov— Lakekanchaung culvert has been destroyed by torrential rain at the end of October and 20 acres of farmlands near the bridge also got ruined.

The bridge is situated between mile post Nos (67 and 68) on Nay Pyi Taw-Kanpya motor road, Pholaylone Village in Magway Township.

As the175 ft wide Lakekanchaung culvert is above the river, it will have to endure the continuous flow of the river water. Therefore, the farmlands near the bridge have flooded and crops also destroyed.

"When the bridge crossing the river emerges, we will really be happy and most travelers and farmers also get satisfaction," said a local.

Kyemon- Magway Hla Myint

Rural road upgraded to concrete facility in Taikkyi Tsp

TAIKKYI, 29 Nov— The road that links Okponsu Ward with Hsinku Village in Taikkyi Township is being concreted by Staff Officer (Technical) Assistant Engineer Daw Su Su Hlaing of Yangon North District Rural Development Department for all season use. One mile and one furlong long, 10 ft wide and 7 ft thick Okponsu Ward-Hsinku Road will be upgraded to concrete facility with the use of K 116 million funded by the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development.

Kyemon-Tun Hlaing (Myaing)

WORLD

Police find 18 male corpses shot in head near Baghdad

Baghdad, 29 Nov— Iraqi police have discovered the bodies of 18 men who were abducted from their homes and killed execution-style in a town near Baghdad, two police sources said on Friday.

The corpses were found grouped together and shot in the head in Meshahda, a predominantly Sunni Muslim area, around 32 km (20 miles) north of Baghdad, police and a source at the capital's morgue said.

It was the deadliest in a series of execution-style killings which are on the rise in Iraq, alongside a growing insurgent campaign of bomb and gun attacks targeting security forces and civilians.

The victims were taken from their homes early on Friday by men wearing military uniforms and driving around six SUVs, the sources said. It was not clear who was behind the attack, but this area of Iraq has seen frequent abductions by militants dressed as soldiers. The men's families went to local police to report their relatives missing and police later found their bodies in an orchard.

This year has been Iraq's most violent since 2006-7, when tens of thousands of people died at the height of sectarian strife between Sunnis and Shi'ites.

Reuters

Senior METI official to be named 1st female secretary to premier

Photo shows Makiko Yamada, deputy director general for IT strategy at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has decided to appoint the 53-year-old senior official at the economy ministry as his secretary, making Yamada the first woman to serve as a prime ministerial secretary in postwar Japan, a government source said on 29 Nov, 2013.—Kyodo News

Tokyo, 29 Nov — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has decided to appoint a female senior official at the economy ministry as his secretary, making her the first woman to serve as a prime ministerial secretary in postwar Japan, a government source said on Friday.

The appointment of Makiko Yamada, 53-year-old deputy director general for IT strategy at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, apparently reflects Abe's commitment to tap the potential of women in the workforce, one of the pillars of his growth strategy.

After joining the now-defunct Posts and Telecommunications Ministry in 1984, Yamada held prominent positions at the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications before assuming her current post in June this year.

As part of his drive to promote women to key posts, Abe named Atsuko Muraki as vice health, labor and welfare minister in June, making her Japan's second ever female vice minister.

Kyodo News

Abe asks S Korean lawmakers to promote dialogue with Japan

Tokyo, 29 Nov—Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Friday asked South Korean lawmakers to cooperate in promoting dialogue between the two countries that have seen their relations seriously deteriorate over territorial and other issues.

"I will keep trying to deepen cooperation through dialogue at various levels, while keeping doors for dialogue always open," Abe told a meeting in Tokyo of Japanese and South Korean lawmakers.

He said the countries have faced "difficult problems" as a result of their geographical closeness. But he also underscored the importance of the relationship, saying, "Current Japan-South Korea relations were not achieved overnight."

As the countries will mark in 2015 the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties, Abe said both the Japanese and South Korean people must "step up efforts toward expansion of the relationship in order to celebrate together this significant historical milestone."

The remarks came as the two Asian neighbors have faced growing tensions over a territorial dispute in the Sea of Japan as well as problems that stem from Japan's wartime aggression in the region. Seoul has strongly objected to remarks by some Japanese lawmakers seemingly justifying their country's militarist past.

Due to the troubled ties, Abe has so far failed to hold a summit with South Korean President Park Geun Hye, who took office in February.—*Kyodo News*

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

Afghanistan's Karzai stands alone in high-stakes game with US

Kabul, 29 Nov — President Hamid Karzai's stubborn refusal to sign a pact that would keep thousands of US troops in Afghanistan after 2014 is a high-risk gamble that Washington will give in to his demands, one that has left him isolated as the clock runs down on his presidency.

Diplomats said he may have overplayed his hand, raising the risk of a complete US withdrawal from a country where Western troops have fought Taleban militants for the past 12 years. It also risks a backlash at home by critics who believe Karzai is playing a dangerous game with Afghanistan's future security.

If the bilateral pact is not signed, Western aid running to billions of dollars will be in serious jeopardy, and confidence in the fragile economy could collapse amid fears the country will slip back into ethnic fighting or civil war.

"I don't know if he fully realises the risks," said US Marine Corps General Joseph Dunford, the US-led coalition's top commander.

Dunford told *The Wall Street Journal* on Thursday that Karzai's failure to quickly sign the agreement could not only weaken the Afghan economy, but embolden powerful neighbors and lead to the collapse of the country's security forces.

"The uncertainty and the lack of confidence about the post-2014 environment has had an adverse effect on the people in some very real ways, whether it be the flight of young people who try to leave the country, whether it be plunging real-estate prices, the rate of the Afghani" currency, Dunford said.

Afghanistan could not survive without international commitments made at the Chicago NATO summit last year, he said.

"Right now, I don't see Afghanistan being able to sustain the Afghan security forces without the Chicago commitments," Dunford said, adding he believed Karzai would eventually sign the pact.

Reuters

Nepali Congress party in lead as vote counting concludes in Nepal

Kathmandu, 29 Nov— Vote counting from last week's constituent assembly election in Nepal concluded on Thursday, with results showing the Nepali Congress party winning the most seats, though no political party is expected to have a majority.

Nepali Congress, the country's oldest party, won 105 of the directly elected 240 seats and over 2.4 million votes in proportional representation voting, in which a total 335 seats in the assembly will be allotted on the basis of the number of votes each party gets, the Election Commission results show.

The Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist Leninist) came in second place with 91 directly elected seats and over 2.2 million votes in proportional voting.

Kyodo News

Huge Bangladesh fire destroys key garments factory

Smoke rises from a fire burning at a Standard Group garment factory in Gazipur on 29 Nov, 2013.—Reuters

Dhaka, 29 Nov — A huge fire on Friday destroyed a Bangladesh garment factory supplying key Western brands, authorities said, in a blaze touched off by workers angered over rumors of a colleague's death in police firing.

Garments are a vital sector for the South Asian nation, whose low wages and duty-free access to Western markets have helped make it the world's second-largest apparel exporter after China.

But a series of deadly incidents, including an April building collapse that killed more than 1,100 people, has triggered global concern over weak safety standards in the $22-billion garment industry.

There were no initial reports of casualties in Friday's fire, which gutted a ten-storey building at Gazipur, 40 km (25 miles) from the capital, Dhaka. Fire fighters were battling to put out the fire in four adjacent buildings.

"We are still struggling to control the flames," said fire official Mahbubur Rahman, adding that 22 fire service and civil defence units from Dhaka and nearby areas were scrambled to fight the fire.

A Reuters photographer at the scene said burnt garments strewn on the floors bore brand names from US retailers such as American Eagle Outfitters Inc, Gap Inc and Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

Other brands on the clothes included Li and Fung Ltd, Marks and Spencer Group PLC, Sears Canada Inc, Fast Retailing Co Ltd's Uniqlo and Inditex SA brand Zara. The factory was among the ten biggest in the country, said Mohammad Atiqul Islam, president of industry body the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association.—*Reuters*

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

China's Huawei to roll out 4G service in Ethiopian capital

Addis Ababa, 29 Nov — Ethiopia's state-run Ethio Telecom said on Thursday it had picked Huawei Technologies Co Ltd, the world's second largest telecom equipment maker, to roll out a high-speed 4G network across the capital Addis Ababa. The introduction of the service is part of a $1.6 billion deal signed in July and August between the Ethiopian firm, Huawei and ZTE, China's second-biggest telecoms equipment maker, to expand mobile phone infrastructure throughout the Horn of Africa country." In terms of allocation, Huawei will be responsible for the expansion of 4G in Addis Ababa, including other mobile services - the 2G, 3G, IP and the like," Abdurahim Ahmed, Ethio Telecom's head of communications, told *Reuters*.Abdurahim said the allocation plan was finalized on Wednesday.

"It is expected to benefit more than 400,000 subscribers. Within an eight-month period, the expansion project of Addis Ababa, including 4G, will be completed."The deal, signed by ZTE in August and Huawei a month before, will enable Ethiopia to double subscribers to more than 50 million by 2015 and expand 3G service throughout the country. Both firms will split their work along 13 expansion areas. The contract was awarded under a long-term loan package to be paid over a 13-year period with an interest rate of "less than 1 percent", Abdurahim said.

Africa's rapidly expanding telecoms industry has come to symbolize its economic growth, with subscribers across the continent totaling almost 650 million last year, up from just 25 million in 2001, according to the World Bank. Ethio Telecom is the only mobile operator in the country of more than 80 million people, among the last remaining countries on the continent to maintain a state monopoly in telecoms.

The government has ruled out liberalizing its telecoms sector, saying the 6 billion birr ($321 million) it generates each year is being spent on railway projects. Ethiopia plans to build 5,000 km of railway lines by 2020.

Reuters

***A man walks past a Huawei company logo outside the entrance of a Huawei office in Wuhan, Hubei Province, on 9 Oct, 2012.—*Reuters**

OCZ gets offer from Toshiba to buy assets in bankruptcy sale

New York, 29 Nov — Solid-state hard drive maker OCZ Technology Group Inc said it had received an offer from Toshiba Corp to buy the company in a planned bankruptcy proceeding. OCZ shares tumbled as much as 80 percent on Wednesday after trading of the stock resumed on the Nasdaq. The stock had fallen 69 percent so far this year through Tuesday's close. OCZ, which has a market capitalization of $43 million, said it had "substantially completed" negotiations with Toshiba on an asset purchase agreement.

The company said it expected to file a petition for bankruptcy shortly after completing final documentation with Toshiba and Hercules Technology Growth Capital Inc, one of its lenders. OCZ, which has not posted an annual profit in five years, said if it failed to agree on a deal with Toshiba it would immediately file for bankruptcy and liquidate.

The company has been battling a shortage of NAND flash memory chips, used in solid state drives, for about a year.

Supply of NAND memory chips — used for general storage and data transfer in memory cards and solid-state drives (SSDs) — has failed to keep pace with a boom in demand from mobile device makers. "The filing is not surprising. We had estimated that OCZ had cash for a quarter or so and didn't see any natural buyers," said Longbow Research analyst Joseph Wittine in an email to *Reuters*. "(We) assumed in any asset sale or capital infusion ... shareholders would be substantially diluted at best and, very possibly, left with nothing."

The company said in August it had retained Deutsche Bank AG to help it evaluate strategic options. OCZ had also said it would amend its loan and security agreement with Hercules as the company did not meet certain covenants. OCZ said on Wednesday it had received notices that Hercules had taken control of its depository accounts at Silicon Valley Bank and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association.

Reuters

The logo of Toshiba Corp is seen at an electronics store in Yokohama, south of Tokyo, on 25 June, 2013.
Reuters

Judge drops SIM cards case against ex-Telecom Italia managers

Rome, 29 Nov — A Rome judge has decided to drop a criminal case against three former Telecom Italia managers accused of having inflated the number of mobile phone cards in use because there was no case to answer, a judicial source said on Wednesday.

The three executives are former Telecom Italia chief executive Riccardo Ruggiero and two former managers at the company's mobile unit, TIM, Massimo Castelli and Luca Luciani.

The investigation, transferred to Rome from Milan a few months ago, was looking into allegations that client data for 5.3 million SIM cards had been tampered with in the period 2006-2008.

Reuters

***A Telecom Italia antenna booster is seen in northern Rome on 12 Nov, 2012. —* Reuters**

US judge dismisses Apple consumer lawsuit over data privacy

San Jose, 29 Nov— A California federal judge has dismissed a consumer lawsuit over data privacy against Apple Inc, saying the plaintiffs had failed to show they had relied on any alleged company misrepresentations and that they had suffered harm.

The four plaintiffs claimed in 2011 that Apple had violated its privacy policy, saying the iPhone maker had designed its iOS environment to easily transmit personal information to third parties that collect and analyze such data without user consent or detection. They also claimed that they suffered damages by paying too much money for their iPhones and by losing storage space, among other things, according to court documents.

US District Judge Lucy H Koh in San Jose, California dismissed the case."Plaintiffs must be able to provide some evidence that they saw one or more of Apple's alleged misrepresentations, that they actually relied on those misrepresentations, and that they were harmed thereby," Koh said in the 25 November ruling. Lawyers for the plaintiffs and Apple either did not respond to requests for comment or declined to comment. The case is one part of nationwide litigation Koh is overseeing that consolidates 19 related lawsuits.— *Reuters*

A woman holds her new Apple iPhone 5S after buying it at an Apple Store at Tokyo's Ginza shopping district on 20 Sept, 2013.
Reuters

Microsoft blocks censorship of Skype in China

Beijing, 29 Nov — Microsoft Corp has made it harder to monitor calls and chats over its Skype phone service in China, a freedom of expression advocacy group said, as the Chinese government steps up censorship of the Internet. Skype said on Monday it had ended an eight-year joint-venture with Hong Kong-based TOM Group —51 percent owned by Hong Kong billionaire Li Ka-Shing — and found a new partner in China.

"After careful analysis of the new Skype, we believe that Microsoft have lifted all censorship restrictions on their China product," the advocacy group, GreatFire, said on Wednesday. "All user calls, chats and login information are encrypted and being communicated directly to Microsoft via HTTPS. This is a complete about-face for Microsoft from the TOM-Skype era, when all information was processed by TOM and stored by TOM on servers located in China with absolutely no privacy controls in place." A Microsoft spokeswoman in China declined to comment and a public relations official at Skype's Asia-Pacific regional office could not immediately be reached.

Skype's new partner in China is Guangming Founder (GMF), a joint-venture of Beijing-based newspaper *Guangming Daily* and the Founder Group, a Beijing technology conglomerate established by Peking University, according to the new GMF-Skype website.—*Reuters*

***A page from the Skype website is seen in Lausanne on 10 May, 2011.—*Reuters**

BUSINESS & HEALTH

US jobs picture improving, manufacturing may be slowing

WASHINGTON, 29 Nov — The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment aid unexpectedly fell last week, but continued weakness in business spending on capital goods suggested slower economic growth in the fourth quarter. Initial claims for state jobless benefits fell 10,000 to a seasonally adjusted 316,000, the Labour Department said on Wednesday. The second straight week of declines defied economists' expectations for a rise in claims to 330,000 and raised hopes for strong payroll growth in November.

"We are at a level that, if sustained, would point to solid job gains ahead. There is also a good chance that the October payroll gain may not have been an aberration," said Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors in Holland, Pennsylvania.

Corporate recruiters (R) gesture and shake hands as they talk with job seekers at a Hire Our Heroes job fair targeting unemployed military veterans and sponsored by the Cable Show, a cable television industry trade show in Washington, on 11 June , 2013.—REUTERS

Employers added 204,000 new jobs to their payrolls last month, far more than expected, fanning speculation that the US Federal Reserve might start to wind down its economic stimulus sooner rather than later.

The improving labour market tone has helped to boost consumer sentiment. The Thomson Reuters/University of Michigan's final reading on the overall index on consumer sentiment increased to 75.1 for November, up from a final reading of 73.2 in October. The preliminary November reading of the overall index was reported at 72.0 earlier this month.

But while the labor market picture is firming, businesses appear to be cautious about investment spending. A separate report from the Commerce Department showed non-defense capital goods orders excluding aircraft, a closely watched proxy for business spending plans, dropped 1.2 percent last month. It was the second monthly decrease in these so-called core capital goods. The data surprised Wall Street economists who had expected a gain, partly because private surveys of national factory activity had shown strength in October.

"The picture of manufacturing strength from survey data is not being captured in the government-collected data on new orders and this divergence is a puzzle," said John Ryding, chief economist at RDQ Economics in New York.—*Reuters*

Cargill recalls poultry feed due to incorrect calcium levels

CHICAGO, 29 Nov — US agribusiness Cargill Inc said on Wednesday it recalled two of its poultry feeds due to incorrect levels of calcium, a feed additive to promote bone growth.

Cargill's Nutrena NatureWise poultry feeds were manufactured between 1 May and 21 November at its facilities in Flora, Illinois; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Abilene, Texas; and Mineola, Texas.

Products were sold under the names NatureWise Meatbird NatureWise Chick Starter Grower in 40-lb or 50-lb bags.Details of the recall are available at www.cargill.com/feed/poultry-feed-recall.

Reuters

A logo is pictured on the building of Cargill International SA in Geneva on 4 Aug, 2009. — REUTERS

Bank of England to take fresh look at securitization market

A man holding an umbrella walks past the Bank of England in the City of London on 17 Sept, 2013. REUTERS

LONDON, 29 Nov — The Bank of England said it may step in to kickstart the securitisation market, which was discredited by the US subprime crisis but is now seen as a valuable option for financing business growth. Securitisation, where banks bundle pools of loans and sell the resulting package to raise funds for lending, has tumbled in Europe from $1.2 trillion in 2008 to $322 billion last year.

Such securities, backed by poor quality US home loans, turned toxic in 2007 when the underlying mortgages defaulted, triggering the global financial crisis with banks having to be rescued by taxpayers."

The Financial Policy Committee intends to assess, and where necessary act, to develop approaches to promote a better functioning securitisation market in the United Kingdom," the British central bank said in its Financial Stability Report on Thursday. It said the availability of cheap central bank money for banks and uncertainty over the final shape of new regulation for the sector partially explained the market's muted recovery.

There could also be impediments such as lack of standardization in information about how the assets are performing, it added.

Reuters

Bigger bowls prompt kids to want more, waste more

NEW YORK, 29 Nov — Kids who are given larger bowls will ask for more cereal than when they're given smaller bowls, and will more than likely overeat or waste the excess food, according to a new study. Research has show that adults serve themselves bigger portions when they're given bigger plates, by as much as 22 percent, said Brian Wansink, a professor of consumer behavior at the Cornell Food and Brand Lab at Cornell University.

Wansink and colleagues wanted to see if bowl size had any influence on the amount of cereal requested by young children, so they carried out two separate studies. The results of both were published in *The Journal of Pediatrics.* The first study involved 69 preschoolers and took place at Cornell, in Ithaca, New York. Each child was randomly selected to receive either a small eight-ounce bowl or a large 16-ounce bowl. Researchers asked the children how much cereal they wanted for a morning snack and then poured dry cereal into the bowls until the kids said to stop.

In general, the children who had the larger bowls asked for 87 percent more cereal than the children who were given the small bowls. The results were about the same for both boys and girls and for kids of any weight or body mass index.

The children were not allowed to eat the cereal so it isn't known how much would have gone to waste. The second study involved 18 elementary school children attending a summer camp, who were randomly assigned either small eight-ounce bowls or larger 16-ounce bowls for breakfast. Cafeteria workers asked the children how much cereal and milk they wanted. The workers poured the cereal and milk into the bowls, while scales hidden in the tables measured the amounts of cereal and milk that were served to each child. The scales and remote sensors also allowed the researchers to determine how much cereal was eaten and how much was left behind after breakfast.

Reuters

Barclays Capital ordered to pay $2.1 million to NY trader

BANGLORE, 29 Nov — Barclays Capital Inc has been ordered to pay $2.1 million to a New York-based trader it fired last year in connection with the alleged rigging of the London interbank offered rate, or Libor, according to arbitration documents.

The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority in the United States ordered Barclays Capital to pay Dong Kun Lee $2.1 million in damages in their award dated on 15 November. According to regulatory filings, on on 30 July, 2012 Barclays dismissed Dong (Don) Kun Lee, a derivatives trader, for allegedly engaging "in communications involving inappropriate requests relating to Libor".

Lee accused the company of a breach of contract and violation of New York labour law among other things in a subsequent arbitration claim. A London-based spokesman for Barclays Plc declined to comment. Lee originally asked Barclays to pay about $5.3 million in damages, but later reduced his request to about $2.1 million. Barclays Capital provides securities brokerage and financial advisory services and operates as a subsidiary of London-listed Barclays Plc.—*Reuters*

Traders gather at the Barclays Capital's kiosk on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on 7 April, 2010.— REUTERS

The New Light of Myanmar

Xi stresses reform confidence

Chinese President Xi Jinping (C), also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of Central Military Commission, visits Shandong Academy of Agricultural Sciences in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, on 27 Nov, 2013. —Xinhua

Jinan, 29 Nov — Chinese President Xi Jinping has called for confidence in realizing further reform and determination to overcome difficulties.

"All Party members should be confident that China's reform blueprint will be realized. No matter what difficulties and disturbances we encounter, we shall not swerve from the reform," said Xi during an inspection tour of east China's Shandong Province from Sunday to Thursday.

The blueprint is in place, and now the most important thing is to implement it and turn it into reality step by step, Xi said.

However, he admitted that it will be a tough and complicated task for the Communist Party of China (CPC) to deepen reform.

"It will be a new test for the Party's ability to rule and lead the country," said Xi, also general secretary of the CPC Central Committee.

A key reform plan, listing more than 300 measures, was adopted at the Third Plenary Session of the 18th CPC Central Committee on 12 November.

Xi noted that the reform measures should be implemented precisely according to the plan, cautioning against blindly pushing forward work without understanding the requirements of the central authorities.

Some measures, designed to be carried out under the leadership of the CPC Central Committee, should not be rushed, while those that can be done as early as possible should not be delayed, he said.

If a reform measure needs to be tested, the country will carefully research instead of doing it in haste, according to the president.

Some measures should not be instated until relevant laws are in place, he added.

Xi stressed that, when implementing the reform plan, local officials should not only respect the authority of central-level policies but also be flexible to consider local conditions.

He called on the whole CPC and Chinese society to unite together under the consensus of pushing forward reform, and to understand, support and take part in reform efforts.

The CPC should focus all its work on reform efforts and all Party officials should strive to enhance their ability to mobilize and organize reforms as well as handle complex situations, he urged.—*Xinhua*

85 injured in HK ferry accident

Beijing, 29 Nov — 85 people have been injured in a high-speed ferry accident in Hong Kong. Four of them are in a serious condition.

The ferry hit an unknown object near Sunshine Island early on Friday morning on its way from Hong Kong to Macao. It returned to the Hong Kong-Macao Ferry Terminal.

A total of 105 passengers and ten staff were on board. All injured passengers have been rushed to hospital. Hong Kong Cable TV quoted the ferry operator as saying that passengers were injured because they were not wearing their seat belts.

Xinhua

Photo taken 15 Nov, 2013, shows the Philippine national flag and signs, surrounded by debris in Tacloban City on Leyte Island in the Philippines, devastated by powerful Typhoon Haiyan.—Kyodo News

UN inspectors to visit Arak heavy-water plant in Iran

Vienna, 29 Nov — The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) will accept an offer from Iran to visit Iran's Arak heavy-water production plant early next month, IAEA Director General Yukiya Amano told a Press conference here on Thursday.

Amano announced Iran's invitation to visit the heavy-water plant in the central city of Arak on 8 December in his statement addressing the IAEA Board of Governors.

Talking about possible increasing verification task under the Joint Plan of Action, reached between the P5+1 group and Iran in Geneva over the weekend, Amano said that the IAEA is considering how to put into practice the deal relevant to the agency.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Yukiya Amano speaks at a Press conference in Vienna, Austria, on 28 Nov, 2013. Xinhua

The analysis, including the implications for funding and staffing, was a complicated task and needed proper preparations, he said, adding that it would take some time.

The P5+1 group, the five UN Security Council permanent members Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States plus Germany, and Iran have reached a first-step agreement on Iran's nuclear programme in Geneva.

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

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

Xinhua

N Korea crop harvest up for 3rd year but malnutrition persists

Beijing, 29 Nov — A North Korea food security assessment released by two UN agencies on Thursday shows that chronic malnutrition persists in the country even while its food production has increased for a third consecutive year.

"Despite the improved harvest, the food security situation remains similar to previous years with most households having borderline and poor food consumption," the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Food Programme said in their joint assessment, based on a mission that visited North Korea between 27 September and 11 October. The report says that while North Korea's production of cereals in 2013 increased about 5 percent over the previous year to about 5.03 million tons, it still needs to import an estimated 340,000 tons of cereals over the next year, or 40,000 tons above the country's official import target.

Photo taken 6 Nov, 2013, shows Ran, a 31-year-old female zebra, and her keeper at a zoo in Kochi, western Japan. Ran, born in 1982 at a zoo in Miyazaki and brought to Kochi the following year, is the oldest common zebra in Japan. Kyodo News

The mission met with government officials in nine main food-producing provinces and visited cooperative farms, rural and urban households, food markets and child institutions and pediatric hospital wards.

It noted that although rates of child malnutrition in North Korea have steadily declined over the past decade, rates of stunting caused by malnutrition remain high.

The mission observed "immense logistical challenges" for the public food distribution system and expressed concerns about the "timeliness and consistency of food distribution."

Its report said markets and informal mechanisms of bartering and other forms of exchange are believed to be of increasing importance for access to food by families, particularly in urban areas.—*Kyodo News*

S Korea, DPRK hold sub-panel talks on Kaesong complex

Seoul, 29 Nov — South Korea and the Democratic People ' s Republic of Korea (DPRK) started their first sub-panel talks in more than two months about travel, communication and customs of the Kaesong industrial complex as scheduled, Seoul's Unification Ministry said on Friday. The ministry said by phone that representatives from Seoul and Pyongyang held the scheduled dialogue as of 10 am local time to discuss the introduction of an electronic system to control passage of businessmen to and from Kaesong through the radio frequency identification (RFID) technology. The usage of mobile phones and the Internet connectivity will also be discussed at the sub-committee meeting for travel, communication and customs, which was first held since the latest talks on 13 September.

Unification Ministry spokeswoman Park Soo-jin said at Wednesday 's press briefing that the meeting planned to discuss the adoption of the RFID within this year along with the Internet connectivity and mobile phone usage. Seoul has made progress without a hitch on preparations for the introduction, but there remained cooperation from the DPRK needed to adopt the system, which will be discussed at the meeting, Park said.

Park said the South Korean government aimed to introduce the RFID system and the Internet connectivity in the inter-Korean factory park within this year.—*Xinhua*

LOCAL NEWS

CCTVs installed for security measures

TACHILEK, 29 Nov— Under the leadership of Tachilek Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee of Shan State (East), officials of No 64 Traffic Police Corps IP Than Zaw Lin installed CCTVs at significant points and junctions in Tachileks on 24 November with the assistance of PSC Co of Thailand.

They have installed 52 CCTVs at 13 significant points of the town, and it costs K 15.4 million.

MMAL-Myint Mo (Tachilek)

High yield wheat strains distributed

LASHIO, 29 Nov— With the aim of boosting production of crops of farmers from Kutkai Township in Shan State (North) and increasing their income, high yield wheat strain Yinkyi-437 was handed over to local farmers of Sunlon Village of Urabum Manpyein Village-tract in Kutkai Township on 25 November.

Staff Officer U Maung Maung Aye of Township Agriculture Department presented 1500 kilos of high yield wheat strains to the village administrator and local farmers.

He then discussed good agriculture patterns.

MMAL-Han Htay (IPRD)

Posters and flags hailing XXVII SEA Games being hoisted around a motel on Yazahtani Road in Nay Pyi Taw on 27 November.

KO MYO (SHWE PAUKKAN)

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

3rd December, 2013

"Break barriers, open doors: for an inclusive society for all "

Nay Pyi Taw 3-12-2013

Continuing Medical Education Programme conducted

SITTWAY, 29 Nov— The Continuing Medical Education Programme was conducted at Sittway General Hospital on 20 November afternoon.

Organized by Myanmar Medical Association (Sittway), Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Hsan, officials of Rakhine State Health Department, soecialists, Head of Sittway Township Health Department Dr Kyawt Tha Sein, medical officers of military hospitals and house surgeons totalling about 150 attended the ceremony.

It was sponsored by AA Medical Products Ltd. The seminar will be held once every month.

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Illegal tamalan sawn timber seized

BHAMO, 29 Nov—A combined team comprising Senior Forester U Thaw Maw Khant of Bhamo Township Forest Department of Kayin State, Foresters U Saw Lu The Shwe and U Zaw Oo and Ranger U Thet Zaw Ko, Deputy Township Administrator U Thein Zaw Oo and Ward administrator U Aye Lwin and officials, acting on a tip-off, searched the illegal timber along Shenaygonlan Creek in Shenaygonlan Ward on 25 November evening.

The authorities seized 15 pieces of sawn tamalan timber weighing 0.634 ton.

CRIME

The seized timber pieces have been moved to the compound of the Township Forest Department.

MMAL-Hsimeekhon Nan Yi

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Stimulant tablets, arms seized

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov— Members of Kawkareik District Police Force, those from Kawkareik Myoma police station and those from Kyondoe police station together with witnesses, acting on a tip-off, raided the house of Thet Paing in Chaungphya Village of Kawkareik Township on 24 November.

They saw Thet Paing and his wife Ma Yi Yi Lwin, 30, together with drug addicts Naing Lin, 23, Win Naing, 39 and Kyaw Myint Zaw, 32 of Kyondoe.

The police found 15 WY brand stimulant tablets worth K 45000 from the pockets of Naing Lin's trousers, 21 tablets worth K 63000 from the house of Thet Paing, one carbine and four rounds of ammunition, one magazine.

Kyondoe police station opened files of lawsuit against Thet Paing and four persons under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

MMAL-Ko Ye

WFP donates over 70000 bags of rice to Rakhine State

YANGON, 29 Nov—WFP donated 72360 bags of rice to people of Rakhine State.

On 26 November, a vessel was loaded with 12600 bags of rice for people of Sittway in Rakhine State at No 1 jetty of Kaingdan Wharf in Seikkan Township of Yangon Region.

MMAL-Kyaw Myint Aye (IPRD)

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 30 November, 2013

Health awareness

Health is wealth, there goes a Burmese saying. But in this modern age which can be best characterized as being fiercely competitive, people tend to exchange health for wealth, pursuing their dream of fame and fortune at the expense of their health.

Anyone, regardless of race, religion, colour, gender or age, can fall prey to diseases which are ever-growing either in terms of number or complexity despite medical breakthroughs and sheer amount of funds being injected into medical research and experiment across the world.

Today, cancer has quietly become one of the largest killers in Myanmar. More and more people are contracting this fatal disease partly due to the irresponsible use of chemical dyes and preservatives in foods and excessive use of fertilizers in agricultural production. No one knows how many lives this "kitchen killer" has already claimed until it has come to spotlight lately.

The unhealthy lifestyle of modern life is also attributed to increased risks of developing diseases, particularly diabetes. Myanmar people tend to give little attention to health and many of us usually do not do exercise on a regular basis. This is partly due to the economic condition of the people but it is obvious that most of Myanmar people lack health awareness. In fact, schools should be the very first place that teaches the younger generations the importance of healthy habits.

The press is obliged to help raise the health awareness of people, especially the rural folk while serving as a whistle-blower against unhealthy foods. More consumer watchdogs are required to help protect the consumers. It is critically important to make the public realize that prevention is better than cure.

Health education programs should be launched on a wider scale across the country through all possible means that can draw public attention, while increasing the budget for health care. It should be borne in mind that educated people can only create economic growth and sustainable development is something that can only be achieved by educated and healthy generations.

NATIONAL

Thailand's Universities ...

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For our economy to thrive, we are endowed with natural resources, have a huge work force and large markets in our neighboring countries. We have such opportunities as well as challenges. Our major challenges are capital, technical know-how and human resources.

In this respect, we are now inviting foreign investments to obtain capital and technical know-how. In order to develop human resources, we will have to nurture our people. To do so, education plays a vital role. As promoting education is the main means to develop human resources, we are now carrying out education reforms in the basic as well as the higher education sectors, he continued.

We congratulated Mae Fah Luang University and Naresuan University of Thailand for their role in promoting human resources for the development of Thailand. In carrying out education reforms of Myanmar, Myanmar would like some of its universities to work closely with Thailand's to benefit from their experiences. In conclusion, the President underscored that he highly value the Honorary Doctoral Degree of Philosophy in Public Administration and Honorary Doctorate in Political Science as these will be regarded as a great strength in Myanmar's nation building efforts. Afterwards, the President and party had a documentary photo taken.—*MNA*

47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee's meeting continues

47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee continues its third plenary meeting.—MNA

YANGON, 29 Nov — The 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee continued its third plenary meeting at Wizaya Mingalar Dhamma Thabin on Kaba Aye Hill here today.

During the meeting, members of the committee discussed the Vinaya, religious and academic matters and made resolutions. Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Dhammapalabivamsa, Joint-Secretary of the committee, sought approval for a report on the works carried out during the first period of the committee during the meeting.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Hsint supplicated on vacancy of tree seats at the 11-member board of Ovadacariya for the Shwedagon Pagoda.—*MNA*

Seminar on Strategic Urban Development Plan of Greater Yangon held

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—A seminar on strategic urban development plan of greater Yangon, jointly organized by Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) and Japan International Cooperation Association (JICA), took place at the Ministry of Construction this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin.

YCDC Chairman Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint and JICA Senior Representative Mr. Akihito SANJO extended greetings.

At the seminar, JICA Senior Advisor Mr. Masahiko SUZUKI, Team Leader of Project for Strategic Urban Development Plan of Greater Yangon Mr. Koji YAMADA, Team Leader of YUTRA Project Mr. Takashi SHOYAMA and officials from the YCDC and Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development participated in the discussions.

The seminar focused on the urban development plan of greater Yangon.

MNA

Union Minister U Kyaw Lwin poses for documentary photo with those present at seminar on strategic urban development plan of greater Yangon.—MNA

Korea's KRPA donates OB van to MRTV

YANGON, 29 Nov — Korea Radio Promotion Association has donated a 4 Camera OB Van to the Myanma Radio and Television today.

The contribution of the OB Van to the MRTV would help MRTV to ensure its extension of broadcasting.

Mr Kim Seon OK, Director-General of the ICT and Future Planning (International Cooperation Bureau) of Ministry of Science of Korea handed over the documents related to the OB Van to the MRTV today.

The government of the Republic of Korea also donated cameras worth USD 160,000 in December, 2011, non-linear editing machines and Korea communication commission (KCC) and Content Management System worth USD 240,000 to the MRTV.

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Korea-Myanmar Broadcasting Equipment Handover ceremony in progress.
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Moderate earthquake jolts outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.0 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar, (Eastern Xizang-India Border Region) about 480 miles north of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 8 hrs 24 min 46 sec M.S.T today, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—*MNA*

UEC allows formation of political parties

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—The Union Election Commission has granted formation of political parties.

A 17-member group comprising U Kwam Gaung Aung Kham has applied for registration of Kachin Democratic Party as a political party to UEC.

As the registration of the Kachin Democratic Party is in conformity with laws and by-laws, the UEC allowed it to form a political party today.

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27th SEA Games Transportation Committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—Transportation Committee comprising 800 vehicles and about 1500 staffs takes responsibilities for the guests, sports teams and referees. The committee needs to serve dutifully for successful holding the SEA Games and collect necessary information in collaboration with other committees for distributing news to the officials in real time, said Committee Chairman Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung at fifth work coordination meeting of Transport Committee for holding 27th SEA Games at the ministry this morning.

President Mr. Chang Yong Soung of C.J Group Co Ltd from the Republic of Korea presented suits and 1500 caps for the drivers and staff from Transportation Committee through the Union minister. At the meeting, the in-charges of respective working group and committee delegates reported on work progress and necessities.

The committee is running their works starting from 25 November. The committee is serving transportation work for foreign guests, sports teams, referees and media teams in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Ngwehsaung. Moreover, the committee is coordinating with relevant ministries to run bus lines, taxis and Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Special Train for convenience of the sports fans.—*MNA*

27th SEA Games Transportation Committee meets its fifth coordination meeting.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker…

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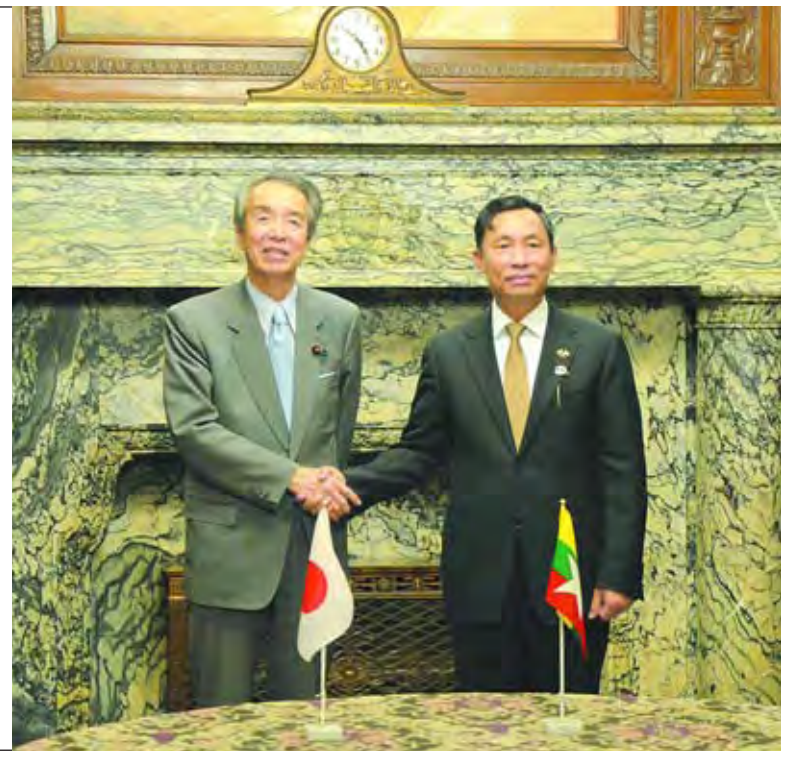
economic system, thereby contributing towards human resources development. He added experiences and exchange of views could bring an appropriate social environment, calling for greater cooperation between the two parliaments, the two governments and the two peoples.

Next, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and party went to Miraikan where they observed research works.

Then, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and party attended dinner hosted by Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association and Nippon Foundation. It was also attended by Japanese Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Taro Aso, President of the association Mr. Watanabe and members, Chairman of the foundation Mr. Sasakawa and members and Japanese businessmen.



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann shakes hands with the Speaker of House of Representatives of Japan at National Diet Building.

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The Japanese Deputy Prime Minister, the Chairman of Nippon Foundation, the President of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association and the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw extended greetings at the dinner.—*MNA*

Trade deficits in October

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—Myanmar's total export value for October, 2013-2014 FY has reached USD 1147.25 million—normal trade value (USD 791.07 million) and border trade value (USD 356.18 million) while total import value was equal to USD 1824.75 million—normal trade value (USD 1633.67 million) and border trade value (USD 191.08 million). Myanmar recorded a trade deficit of USD 677.50 million in October of 2013-2014 FY, according to the import/export monthly report of Central Statistical Organization.

The report also states that for the period between April and October, total export value amounted to USD 6269.32 million—normal trade value (USD 4497.54 million) and border trade value (USD 1771.78 million). And the total import value has reached USD 7370.88 million—normal trade value (USD 6328.73 million) and border trade value (USD 1042.15 million). The total trade deficit was USD 1101.56 million.

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Monthly Weather Forecast for First Dekad of December, 2013

Bay of Bengal Condition

A Low Pressure Area may form over the South Bay and one intensifies into a Depression. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Rain Condition

Rains are expected above normal in Ayeyawady Region and Rakhine State, about normal in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and below normal in the remaining Regions and States. Rainy days are expected about 4 to 5 days in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine State and about 2 days in the remaining Regions and States.

Night Temperatures

Night Temperatures will be below normal in Sagaing Region, Kachin, Chin and Eastern Shan States and about normal in the remaining Regions and States.

Fog Condition

Fog days are expected about 5 to 7 days in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin, Chin and Shan States, 2 to 3 days in the remaining Regions and States.—*NLM*

Mobile & Tablet Fair in Yangon from 7 to 9 December

YANGON, 29 Nov—Mobile & Tablet Fair will be held in Tatmadaw Convention Hall, here, from 7 to 9 December.

The famous mobile companies namely HTC, Huawei, LG, Samsung, Sing Tech, Cycle Tech, inet, JAS and THL will make a sale at the fair. JayMart, eCity, SkyWav, New Fone Mart, Phone Corner, PAPAYA, KM Mobile, 123it, Time City and Kan Thar retail stores will participate in the show.

Mobile applications including GoThereMyanmar, Putet Comic and Bagan Innovation will be displayed and VIP Mobile Training Centre and Sputnik Mobile Centre will give special discounts for trainees.

Scholars from the Technical Talk Forum will share knowledge and experiences to enthusiastic.

Those present may enjoy the music entertainment performed by a band led by Ko Naing Zaw (Lazy Club). The book buffet program of Myanmar Book Centre is to satisfy the readers.

Anyone may dial 09 3111 0503 of Outlab Biz Group for further information.—*MNA*

Innovative Justice Training Course concluded

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—Under the Rule of Law Justice Sector Development Programme of UNDP, the Innovative Justice Training course jointly organized by UNDP and IDLO concluded at the Attorney-General of the Union's Office, here, today. On the occasion, Senior Advisor Mr. Larry Taman and IDLO Project Manager Alex Batesmith extended greetings.

Next, Director-General U Kyaw Hsan presented completion certificates to the trainees.—*MNA*

Trainees and those present pose for documentary photo at concluding of Innovative Justice Training course.—MNA

Agriculture

Field Day of Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton plantation

YINMABIN, 29 Nov— Organized by Industrial Crops Development Department of Yinmabin Township, Yinmabin District, Sagaing Region, the ceremony to clarify use of Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton for boosting production and technical demonstration was held at quality cotton strain plantation on three acres of model plot of farmer U Thaung Nyunt in Tarwa Village on 24 November.

It was attended by members of Township Agricultural Coordination Committee, farmers, village administrators and staff from Tarwa, Nyaunggaing, Saihlya and Kapaing villages totalling 95.

Head of Township ICDD U Zaw Min Tun explained quality of Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton and good agriculture patterns and prevention against pests in practical works.—*Kyemon*

Cash donated to fund of Taungwaing Home for the Aged in Mawlamyine

MAWLAMYINE, 29 Nov— Col Aung Myint (Rtd)-Daw Ohnma (Kaba Yadana Bank, Managing Director) and family donated cash to the fund of Taungwaing Home for the Aged of Mawlamyine on 24 November.

Col Aung Myint (Rtd) explained the purpose of donations and presented K 1 million to the fund through Chairman of the Home and executives.

After accepting the cash donations, Chairman of the Home U Khin Aung spoke words of thanks and presented a certificate of honour to wellwishers.

The donor family had provided 124 cakes of coap, 49 blankets, 71 pieces of towel, 35 sarongs for female and 20 sarongs for male. They had donated K 4.3 million to the fund of the Home.

Taungwaing Home for the Aged is taking care of 52 older persons.

Those wishing to donate cash and kind to the Home may dial 057-27263 and 09-49805838.—*Kyaw Than (Mawlamyine)*

Security troops, personnel assigned at XXVII SEA Games

YANGON, 29 Nov— Security personnel have been assigned duties at the places and routes for the XXVII SEA Games, said Yangon Region Security and Border Affairs Ministry.

Yangon Region will host seven sports events in six sports venues of Yangon Zone for the XXVII SEA Games.

Body-building event will take place at Myanmar Convention Centre-MCC, shooting event at Dabon Myothit (North) Township shooting range, football event at Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna, wrestling and Kampo events at National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna of Thingangyun Township, weightlifting event at Theinbyu Gymnasium and hockey event at Theinbyu Turf Hockey Ptich respectively.

The training grounds were designated for the athletes of sports contingents at Aung San, Salin, Padomma and Padetha grounds.

Sports fans and foreigners will go to Nay Pyi Taw Zone, Mandalay Zone and Ayeyawady Zone from Yangon Zone.

With regard to the security measures, Yangon Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Tin Win said, "Arrangements have been made for accommodation of athletes, eferees, jury members at hotels. Security measures have been taken at the sports venues and routes and accommodations of the athletes."

He continued, "As Myanmar is host, the sports fans are to cheer the sports events prestigeously.

If there is some suspicions, the fans are to inform the security subcommittees concerned of suspicious things."

Security personnels have been assigned at railway stations, jetties, airports and highway bus terminals. Action will be taken against those who disturb the the people and discredit the prestige of the nation under existing laws, according to the Yangon Region Security and Border Affairs Ministry.

Kyemon-Soe Win (MLA)

National Day

93rd Anniversary National Day observed in Sagaing

SAGAING, 29 Nov—The 93rd Anniversary National Day was observed at No 2 Basic Education High School in Sagaing on 27 November.

Chairman of Sagaing District Management Committee U Myint Wai read the message sent by President U Thein Sein on the occasion of the National Day.

The chairman of District Management Committee, District Education Officer U Min Oo, Chairman of Town's Elders Committee U Zaw Win, Township Management Committee U Tun Win Aung and Township Education Officer U Nyunt Lwin awarded the winners in essay contests.

The ceremony was attended by district and township level officials, school heads and students.—*Kyemon-Htwe Myint Naing (Sagaing)*

Accident

Motorbike, car in collision leave two dead

NYAUNGLEBIN, 29 Nov— The collision between motorbike and car caused death to motorcyclist and another two on back seats near Hteintabin Village of Nyaunglebin Township on 26 November morning.

The vehicle hearing for Nyaunglebin from Peinzalok driven by U Hla Myint, 63, son of U Tin of Ward 18 in Toungoo bumped against a motorcycle driven by Soe Moe Kyaw, 22, son of U Htay of Kanyinkyo Village of Kyaukdaga Township together with Myo Myint Win, 32, son of U Mya Maung of Kanyinkyo Village of Kyaukdaga Township.

The motorcycle overturned. In the incident, Soe Moe Kyaw and Myo Myint Win from the back seat died on the spot due to injuries.

Sgt Kyi Win of Peinzalok Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against the driver. Peinzalok Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against driver U Hla Myint under the law.

Kyemon-Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin)

Training for human resources and job opportunities for youth conducted

Labour Affairs

PATHEIN, 29 Nov— Under the supervision of Ayeyawady Region Government, Nay Kyei Oo Groups of Company conducted the Youth Human Resources Development and Job Opportunities Raising Training at Koethein Gymnasium in Pathein on 25 November.

Ayeyawady Region Minister for Social Affairs Daw Khin Saw Mu delivered an address.

It was attended by Deputy Commissioner U Khin Maung Lay of Pathein District General Administration Department, Township Administrator U Chit Ko Ko, members of social organizations, philanthropic enthusiasts, in-charge of Parahita Works of Nay Kyei Oo Group of Companies U Myint Thein, Daw Yamin Thu and instructors, totalling 158.

The course was aimed at creating job opportunities for the youth and developing human resources of youth.

On completion, the company will seek jobs for the youths through its related business groups.

The training course will be run up to 9 December.

Kyemon-Pathein Hla Kyi

REGIONAL

Shen Yueyue (L), vice chairwoman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) of China, meets with Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, speaker of National Assembly of Pakistan, in Islamabad, capital of Pakistan, on 28 Nov, 2013. A Chinese NPC delegation led by Shen Yueyue arrived in Islamabad on Thursday on a visit to Pakistan.—Xinhua

TEPCO transfers batch of spent fuel from Fukushima No 4 unit pool

Tokyo, 29 Nov—The operator of the disaster-stricken Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant said on Friday that it transferred a batch of spent fuel rod assemblies from the No 4 unit spent fuel pool for the first time to a more stable storage space.

Plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co started removing spent fuel from the pool earlier this week after successfully transporting about 20 less risky unused fuel assemblies to another pool in a different building about 100 meters away.

The work will continue through the end of next year, until TEPCO finishes taking out over 1,000 fuel assemblies, including unused ones, from the spent fuel pool.

The fuel removal work marks a key step toward decommissioning the Nos 1 to 4 reactors that have been largely affected by the nuclear crisis, triggered by a huge earthquake and tsunami in March 2011.

The Nos 1 to 3 reactors, all in operation at the time of the quake, experienced core meltdowns. The No 4 reactor, offline for periodic maintenance work, had all of its fuel stored in the spent fuel pool and avoided a meltdown, but concerns have remained over the continued storage of the fuel in the building weakened by a hydrogen explosion.

Kyodo News

Singapore moves to restrict remote gambling

Singapore, 29 Nov—Singapore authorities are moving to restrict remote gambling activities carried out via the Internet or devices such as smart phones, Second Minister for Home Affairs S Iswaran said on Thursday.

The measures to be considered include blocking access to gambling websites, blocking payments to remote gambling operators and prohibiting advertisements promoting remote gambling.

There will be a public consultation exercise over the next few weeks to get stakeholders to weigh in on the issue. The new laws are expected to be in place by early next year.

Remote gambling "can potentially become a source or conduit of funds for other illegal activities and syndicated crime," he said.

Enforcement agencies will also be able to act against facilitators, intermediaries and providers of such services, Iswaran, who is also minister in the Prime Minister's Office, said at a symposium.

He acknowledged these measures "may not be foolproof," but nevertheless said that they will impede access to remote gambling platforms and send a clear signal of the regulatory stance in Singapore.

Local media said that the proposed measures could be one of the most comprehensive undertaken by any jurisdiction.

Xinhua

Taipei a transshipment point for illicit drugs to Japan

Taipei, 29 Nov—Taipei's customs authorities seized 229 kilograms of heroin at Taoyuan International Airport in the northern part of the island last week.

With a street value estimated at NT$7 billion (about $2.4 billion), the seizure was the largest in Taipei since 1993. Authorities are still investigating if the illicit drugs were meant for domestic consumption or transshipment.Either way, the seizure is indicative of the problem Taipei faces in a globalization era where the flow of goods becomes freer and easier. As the drug trade is becoming more sophisticated, drug traffickers are taking advantage of Taipei's geological location and modern transit facilities to ship to neighbouring countries such as Japan.

The island's Justice Ministry told *Kyodo News* in an e-mail interview that the majority of drugs smuggled into Taipei are for domestic use, while only a small portion goes elsewhere, although it is unclear what quantity of drugs remains in the country only long enough to be reprocessed before being shipped out.

The US government tells a different story, however. While Washington removed Taipei from its list of major drug-production or drug transit sites to North America in 2000, the State Department in its 2013 International Narcotics Control Strategy Report identifies Taipei as still one of the major sources of precursor or essential chemicals used in the production of illicit narcotics bound for Japan.

The CIA World Factbook also describes Taipei as a "regional transit point for heroin, methamphetamine and precursor chemicals." About 55 percent of illicit substances smuggled into the island come from mainland China and Hong Kong, mainly due to their geographical proximity and despite efforts by China to better regulate its chemical industry.

Kyodo News

Sixty vintage automobiles driven by Japanese car enthusiasts set off from Taipei on 28 Nov, 2013, on a round-the-island tour aimed at thanking Taipei for its generous donations following the nuclear crisis triggered by a devastating earthquake and tsunami in 2011. All 120 participants are members of Rally Nippon, a classic car club in Japan that is behind the four-day event.—Kyodo News

A car covered by snow drives on a street in Dalian City, northeast China's Liaoning Province, 27 Nov, 2013. Dalian is hit by heavy snow on Wednesday morning. Xinhua

Philippines to send 336 peacekeepers to Golan Heights

Manila, 29 Nov —A new contingent of peacekeepers consisting of 336 officers and enlisted personnel will be leaving for Golan Heights in Syria starting on Friday, a Philippine military official said on Thursday.

The new batch of peacekeepers will replace the 332 Filipino peacekeepers who extended their term of duty several times in the troubled territory.

Philippine Army chief Lt Gen Noel Coballes said the peacekeepers will be transported in three batches, of which the first one will leave on Friday, and the second batch will leave on Saturday and the last one will depart for Golan Heights on 7 December. The Philippine government earlier said it decided to continue sending troops to the troubled area following assurances given by the United Nations to ensure the safety of Filipino peacekeepers. Twenty-five members of the 332-man peacekeeping contingent were abducted earlier this year, prompting the government to review its deployment to Golan Heights.—*Xinhua*

Thai PM calls for talks to end political conflict

Bangkok, 29 Nov — Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra on Thursday called on anti-government demonstrators to hold dialogue with the government to find a way out of the political tumult.

In a televised address, the embattled lady premier urged the protesters to end their street rallies which have lasted almost a month in the capital city, saying the government plans to open a forum for all concerned parties to attend to together find solutions to defuse the mounting political tension.

As the king's birthday on 5 December is drawing near, she called for all people to heed the king's advice for them to love one another and unite. The plead came a few hours after Yingluck and Interior Minister Charupong Ruangsuwan easily won votes of confidence in the House of Representatives where the ruling Pheu Thai party holds commanding majority.

She also asked foreign countries to have confidence in Thailand, saying the government will adhere to peaceful means in dealing with the protesters and will ensure public services continue without disruption.

"The government does not want to play a political game because doing so will only cause the economy and the country to step backward," she said.

In a escalating bid to oust the so-called "Thaksin's regime," allegedly carried out by the Yingluck government, the protesters have occupied the compounds of government agencies in Jangwattana area in Bangkok's suburbs since Wednesday and the Finance Ministry in the heart of the capital since Monday.

Xinhua

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Holiday travellers arrive at the Ronald Reagan National Airport in Washington DC, capital of the United States, on 27 Nov, 2013, on Thanksgiving eve.
XINHUA

UN calls for immediate action after reported killings of children in DR Congo

UNITED NATIONS, 29 Nov — The United Nations on Wednesday called on the authorities of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) to take immediate action in light of reports of disappearance and assassination of young men and children in the capital Kinshasa.

"According to information received, which is currently being verified, at least 20 people, including 12 children, have been reportedly killed," said a news release issued by the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the UN peacekeeping mission in DRC (MONUSCO). "Investigations must be undertaken by judicial authorities so as those responsible for these acts are brought to justice, in accordance with the Congolese Criminal Code," it said.

The two organizations said the "alarming reports" coincide with the start of the Operation Likofi (Punch in Lingala) undertaken from 15 November to 15 Februray next year by Congolese authorities to curb urban delinquency, according to the Press release.

"UNICEF and MONUSCO call for immediate steps to be taken by Congolese authorities to put an end to such acts," it stated.

They recalled that the state must in all circumstances ensure that human rights are protected and that children receive special protection, in line with Congolese laws and international treaties and conventions.

"The United Nations reiterates its willingness to support the Congolese government in its search for durable solutions to problems regarding the social reintegration of children and youths, " it added.

Xinhua

Police seizes two tons of marijuana in southwestern Colombia

BOGOTA, 29 Nov — Colombian police seized on Wednesday two tons of marijuana that were hidden inside a truck parked within a property in Corinto township in the country's southwestern Cauca department, officials said.

According to a police report, the drugs was found thanks to an informant and they allegedly belonged to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) guerrillas that has a strong presence in Cauca.

The drugs were to be sent to the neighbouring Cali city for retail, police said. The Colombian government is negotiating with the FARC, with agenda including a solution to the illicit drug problem as the rebel group makes profits out of the illegal activities to fund themselves.

Xinhua

People run in the Stanley Park in Vancouver, Canada, on 26 Nov, 2013. For the second year in a row, Seattle-based "walk ability" ranking company Walk Score named Vancouver as the most walkable city in Canada.—XINHUA

Haitian president mourns migrant deaths

SANTO DOMINGO, 29 Nov — Haitian President Michel Martelly Wednesday said he was "deeply affected" by the deaths of at least 30 undocumented Haitians whose boat capsized on Monday in the Bahamas.

According to a statement from the US Coast Guard, about 30 Haitian migrants drowned when their overloaded boat overturned off Staniel Cay, in the Bahamas.

In a statement posted on the official Facebook account of Haitian government, Martelly expressed his condolence to the families of the victims and discouraged Haitians from endangering their lives in a desperate bid to look for work abroad.

"The president of the republic reaffirms his commitment to maintaining stability in the country in order to promote investment and job creation and reduce these dangerous practices," the statement said.

Another 110 people who were on board of the vessel were rescued by the Coast Guard and members of the Bahamas Defence Forces.

The Coast Guard statement said the survivors "were clinging to the hull of the grounded 40-foot (12-meter) sailboat" when they were rescued Monday night 28 km southwest of Staniel Cay.

According to Haitian daily *Nouvelliste*, in recent months the US Coast Guard has reported several similar accidents.

Haitian radio station Metropole said, "Haitian authorities have reported an increase in clandestine trips in some regions, including the northeastern region," where migrants depart, often in makeshift boats, for the Bahamas or Miami, Florida.

Press cited Lolo Stern, director of Haitian National Immigration Office, as saying his agency regularly assists migrants who are rescued and repatriated by the US Coast Guard.

Xinhua

UNSC hopes to see early conclusion of Yemen's National Dialogue Conference

UNITED NATIONS, 29 Nov — The UN Security Council on Wednesday voiced its hope to see an early conclusion of Yemen's National Dialogue Conference, which plays an important role in the nation's constitution drafting and electoral preparations.

In a statement read to the press here, Liu Jieyi, the Chinese UN ambassador who holds the rotating council presidency for this month, said, "The members of the Security Council expressed concern, however, about the significant delays in concluding the National Dialogue Conference and emphasized the importance of concluding the National Dialogue Conference as soon as possible to move to constitutional drafting and electoral preparations, as the next steps in the transition." The statement was issued here after the council's closed-door consultations on the current situation in Yemen.

"They called on all parties to engage constructively in a spirit of compromise to address the remaining critical issues necessary to conclude the dialogue, in particular those concerning the southern question and the structure of the State," the statement said. Yemeni factions started the comprehensive reconciliation dialogue in March as part of the West-backed power transition launched after the 2011 mass protests. It was designed to last six months but some disagreements on key issues have been delaying its conclusion.

Xinhua

Ukraine sends humanitarian aid to typhoon-hit Philippines

KIEV, 29 Nov — Ukraine delivered 38 tons of humanitarian aid to the Philippines on Thursday in the wake of a devastating typhoon.

"Assistance to affected regions is our professional and human duty," Deputy Prime Minister Olexandr Vilkul told reporters.

He said a cargo plane carrying food, blankets, electricity generators, water filters and medical supplies has took off from the Boryspol international airport.

Vilkul added that Ukraine is ready to provide a field hospital and rescue personnel to assist the Philippine authorities in the relief efforts.

Typhoon Haiyan ripped through the Philippines on 8 Nov, killing over 5,200 people and wounding around 26,000 others. According to the Philippine government, another 1,700 people are still missing.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Bob Dylan whips up tempest in return to 1966 London venue

London, 29 Nov— Bob Dylan played London's Albert Hall this week for the first time since his fabled and tumultuous concerts there in 1966, his vitality and mystique intact five decades on since he revolutionized popular music.

This time round there were no boos and catcalls prompted by his use of electric instruments, just ovations as he led his crack band through a set that drew heavily from his latest album "Tempest" but also reached back into earlier stages of his career.

True to form, Dylan said not a word to the audience, letting the music speak for itself.

He kicked off on Wednesday night with the Oscar-winning "Things Have Changed" following it with "She Belongs to Me"—the only song which had also featured in the 1966 shows.

An early highlight was "What Good Am I" from 1989's "Oh Mercy". He also offered up gentle, almost jazzy versions of "Tangled Up in Blue" and "Simple Twist of Fate " from "Blood on the Tracks.

But there was still plenty of fire and brimstone in the 72-year-old - "I'll pay in blood, but not my own" he snarled in "Pay in Blood", a track from "Tempest".

Further evidence he was not going soft was a bitter "Love Sick" from "Time Out of Mind", the 1997 album which ushered in a new creative era for Dylan which shows no sign of stopping.

Dressed in a gambler's coat and mariachi pants, Dylan either sat at a grand piano center stage or sang at the microphone.—*Reuters*

***Musician Bob Dylan (R) performs on the second day of the Hop Farm Music Festival in Paddock Wood, Kent on 30 June, 2012.*—Retuers**

Mandela film welcomed in South Africa

Johannesburg, 29 Nov — The film Mandela started to be shown in all cinemas in South Africa on Thursday, attracting many audiences regardless of their races or colours.

Residents flooded into the cinemas as the film Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom, was to be screened in the largest city of Johannesburg.

"Many citizens began to contact us for making the ticket bookings several days ago," the manager of Rosebank cinema Bottumlo told *Xinhua.*

"As it is the first day of the national release of the film, we would have 4 screens today," said the manager.—*Xinhua*

Actress Terry Pheto attends the world premiere of the film "Mandela: Long Walk To Freedom" during the 38th Toronto International Film Festival at RoyThomson Hall in Toronto, Canada, on 7 Sept, 2013.
Xinhua

My daughter is no less than a royal princess: Kanye West

Los Angeles, 29 Nov — New father Kanye West has compared his five-month-old daughter, North, to actual British royalty.

The 36-year-old rapper's fiancee, Kim Kardashian, was pregnant at the same time as the Duchess of Cambridge and both were due to give birth in July. But Kardashian delivered over a month early, reported *Us* magazine.

"My daughter is in a position of a level of royalty like the prince and princess in London," he said.—*PTI*

Mike Tyson would love to own another tiger

London, 29 Nov — Boxer-turned-actor and entertainer Mike Tyson still dreams of owning tigers again after cuddling up to his favourite big cat when he was a super-rich sportsman.

Tyson has made no secret of his financial troubles and admits the one thing he misses most about being a multi-millionaire is being able to afford to keep a tiger, which once roamed around his sprawling Connecticut estate.

PTI

Mike Tyson

Bieber gets clean-up request after painting Australia hotel wall

Sydney, 29 Nov— Justin Bieber has been asked to clean up his mess by the mayor of the Gold Coast in Australia after the Canadian pop star spraypainted the wall of a hotel during his "Believe" tour.

The abstract graffiti was painted in the tennis court area of the QT Hotel on the Gold Coast, 80 km (50 miles) southeast of Brisbane, and posted on Bieber's Instagram page, where it has attracted more than 545,000 "likes".

The images are of a one-eyed blob with teeth in bright pink, various monsters in splashes of color, Pac-Man ghosts and a take on Spongebob Squarepants with crosses as eyes.

"This eyesore has no place in the city," a spokesman for Mayor Tom Tate told *Reuters.* "If that's the example Justin wants to set, it's really unfortunate. But at the end of the day it'll get cleaned up, whether or not he decides to."

The mayor's office sent a "graffiti removal kit" to Bieber at the hotel but the singer had already left for Sydney for his concerts on Friday and Saturday.

The mayor also sent a tweet directly to Bieber saying "Glad you had a great time on Australia's #goldcoast. Hope to see you back soon to clean up your mess. Make me a #belieber".

He has yet to hear back from Bieber, who spray painted a wall at a hotel in Rio de Janeiro earlier this month.

The local council has ordered the QT Hotel to paint over the graffiti but the hotel defended the pop star's actions.

"The piece of artwork will be left for fans to enjoy," it told *Reuters* in an email. "We believe it is a wonderful addition to the colorful Gold Coast arts scene."

Melissa Victor, a publicist for Bieber at Universal Music Group in New York, declined to comment.

Reuters

Canadian singer Justin Bieber performs in a concert at the Atlantico pavilion in Lisbon on 11 March, 2013.
Reuters

Corden returns as the presenter for Brit Awards

London, 29 Nov— British actor James Corden is returning for the fifth and the last time as the presenter of 2014 Brit Awards. The 34-year-old star, who would front the show on February 19, said he is going to miss presenting the award function, reported *Daily Mirror*.

"I really love the Brits. I'm such a fan. I'll miss not doing it after this one but fully intend to enjoy every second of Brits 2014," Corden said.—*PTI*

SPORTS

Messi recovery progressing well

MADRID, 29 Nov — Lionel Messi has completed the first stage of his recovery from a thigh strain and will travel to his native Argentina on Friday as planned to continue treatment, his club Barcelona said on Thursday.

Messi sustained the injury in a La Liga match at Real Betis on November 10 and the World Player of the Year is likely to be sidelined until the middle of January.

Club doctor Ricard Pruna and physio Elvio Paulorroso will join him in Argentina next month to supervise the final phase of his recovery programme, Barca said on their website (www.fcbarcelona.com).

"His development is positive as the latest tests conducted show," they said.

Messi will miss Barca's final Champions League Group H match at home to an already eliminated Celtic on 11 December, when the Spanish champions will be looking to secure top spot ahead of Italian side AC Milan.

He could be back in time for the 12 January La Liga game at second-placed Atletico Madrid, who are three points behind leaders Barca after 14 matches.

Reuters

Barcelona's soccer player Lionel Messi poses with the Golden Boot trophy before their Spanish first division league match against Granada at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on 23 Nov, 2013.— REUTERS

Giggs to turn 40 without signs of decline

LONDON, 29 Nov— Manchester United veteran Ryan Giggs, one of the most durable and decorated player of the Premier League, turns 40 on Friday.

His stability of playing shows no signs of decline of his career.

Giggs' performances remain a high standard and the club's manager David Moyes believes the Welsh midfielder could continue to play on next season.

Serving as an assistant to manager, Giggs played 90 minutes and functioned the driving force in the United's devastating 5-0 victory over Bayer Leverkusen in the Champions League on Wednesday .

Giggs doesn't see himself quitting any time soon. He has undertaken regular yoga sessions since turning 30, which now is seen as an accepted method of keeping in shape.

He has also refined his game, playing deeper in midfield rather than on the wings.

He relies on speed of thought rather than the speed of his legs.

His first-team career with the United will reach 24 years if he extends the contract.

It will be Giggs' 953rd club appearance against Tottenham in the Premier League on Sunday for the United since his debut in 1991.

Xinhua

Manchester United's Ryan Giggs kicks the ball during the Champions League Group A soccer match against Bayer Leverkusen at the BayArena in Leverkusen on 27 Nov, 2013.— REUTERS

World Cup hosts Brazil back in FIFA's top 10 ahead of draw

ZURICH, 29 Nov — Brazil clawed their way back into the top 10 when FIFA published the November rankings on Thursday ahead of next week's World Cup draw.

The World Cup hosts, who slumped to an all-time low of 22nd in June, went back into the top 10 after winning the Confederations Cup in July.

Brazil then slipped to 11th last month but friendly wins over Honduras and Chile have taken them to 10th. Soccer's ruling body FIFA is using October's rankings as the primary yardstick for next week's draw so Brazil's ups and downs will have no impact on their status among the top seeds for the World Cup. World champions Spain maintained the number one spot they have held since July 2008 followed by Germany, Argentina and Colombia. Thanks to their two wins over Sweden in the World Cup playoffs, Portugal have also climbed back into the top 10.

All the nations in the top 20, except for Ukraine, have booked their tickets to Brazil next year.

The leading eight seeded teams for the draw are Brazil, Spain, Argentina, Germany, Colombia, Belgium, South American champions Uruguay and Switzerland.

FIFA will announce the second, third and fourth-ranked seeded nations before the draw in Salvador da Bahia on 6 December.

Top 10 and rankings of World Cup qualifiers outside the leading 10:

(Last month's positions in parentheses):

1. (1) Spain
2. (2) Germany
3. (3) Argentina
4. (4) Colombia
5. (14) Portugal
6. (6) Uruguay
7. (8) Italy
8. (7) Switzerland
9. (8) Netherlands
10. (11) Brazil—*Reuters*

Brazilian national soccer team head coach Luiz Felipe Scolari listens to a question during a news conference in Rio de Janeiro on 31 Oct, 2013.— REUTERS

After three hard years, Asada hopes to shine at Sochi

TOYOTA (Japan), 29 Nov — The first time Japan's Mao Asada set foot on a skating rink nearly two decades ago she wore a helmet and protective pads on her knees and elbows, wanting only to follow her big sister.

Now she stands as a prime contender for gold at the Sochi Games, where she will once again lock horns with long-standing rival and reigning Olympic figure skating champion Kim Yuna of South Korea.

Yet as recently as 2012 Asada was thinking about quitting.

Her mother's death the year before, coupled with several uneven seasons of changing her skating style from the bottom up in the wake of losing gold to Kim at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, had sent her into a slump.

"If possible, I wouldn't have wanted to have these tough experiences," the soft-spoken 23-year-old told *Reuters* in an interview at her home rink just outside the central Japanese city of Nagoya.

"Over the last three years I've been through a lot of pain and worry. But it's because of that pain that I've gotten to where I am now."

"If I hadn't gone through these tough times, I don't think I'd have come as far as I have, to being in my current condition."

Asada, who has said this will likely be her last competitive season, racked up wins in both of her Grand Prix events this year, Skate America and the NHK Trophy, despite some trouble with the complicated triple Axel, a jump with 3.5 rotations.

At the NHK Trophy she landed five triple jumps for a personal best, her score causing her mouth to drop briefly open in pleased surprise.—*Reuters*

Mao Asada of Japan poses with her gold medal during the award ceremony for the women's free skating programme at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating in Tokyo on 9 Nov, 2013. REUTERS

Headline act McIlroy delighted to finally fit the bill

SYDNEY, 29 Nov— World number six Rory McIlroy was delighted to finally justify his role as a headline act after tightening up his putting to fire a seven-under-par 65 at the Australian Open on Friday.

A disappointing year has sorely tested McIlroy's natural good humour but he had plenty to smile about after his round of nine birdies and a couple of bogeys saw him join late-starting Adam Scott atop the leaderboard on 10-under.

Despite local favourite Scott's brilliant run of form this year, McIlroy's status as a former world number one and twice major champion ensured his place as a major drawcard.

"Obviously when you come to a tournament where you're one of the headline acts or main attractions, you want to live up to that billing I guess," the Northern Irishman laughed.

"For the most part this year I haven't wherever I went. So it's nice. It's nice to reward the people that invite you down here and look after you so well."

Various theories have been proposed for McIlroy's drop in form this year after a stellar 2012, mostly notably a change in clubs and the distractions of his relationship with Danish tennis player Caroline Wozniacki.

A messy court case, now resolved, added to his off-course woes but the 24-year-old has maintained a consistent line that it is mostly about regaining the confidence that took him to the top of the world last year.

Reuters

Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy hits an iron shot on the 4th hole during the first round of the Australian Open golf tournament at Royal Sydney Golf Club on 28 Nov, 2013.— REUTERS

GENERAL

A woman stands in front of a light Christmas tree at the Hyde Park in Sydney, Australia, on 28 Nov, 2013. City of Sydney Council started the Christmas projections on Thursday, with amount of Christmas trees and gifts decorated in streets and stores, as well as a series of performance to inspire residents and visitors to come out to enjoy the Christmas season.—Xinhua

Police detain 120 Italian soccer fans in Warsaw

Warsaw, 29 Nov — Polish police detained about 120 supporters of Italian soccer club Lazio after violence broke out before Thursday evening's match against Legia Warsaw, a police spokesman said.

"Bottles and stones were thrown from the Italian group in the direction of the police cars," the spokesman said. Rome team Lazio are due to play the Polish league champions in a UEFA Europa League group match at 7 pm (1800 GMT) in Legia's 32,000-seat stadium. Of the 14,000 tickets sold, 750 were bought by Lazio fans, according to the host club.—*Reuters*

New baby for father who lost family in 2007 Connecticut home invasion

New York, 29 Nov — A Connecticut man whose first wife and two daughters were murdered in a 2007 invasion of their Cheshire home is now the father of a baby boy born to his new wife, the family announced on Facebook.

Dr William Petit and his wife Christine, a professional photographer, last weekend welcomed baby William, whose portrait was posted on the Facebook page of Christine Petit's photo studio. "Happiest and sweetest time ever ... our new little son, William. So in love!" the post said.

The couple met through the Petit Family Foundation, a charity Petit created in memory of his wife Jennifer Hawke-Petit and their daughters, Hayley, 17, and Michaela, 11.

Petit was severely beaten in the attack, during which two men held the family hostage for hours, before setting the home on fire. Joshua Komisarjevsky and Steven Hayes were later convicted in the murders and sentenced to death.

In 2012, Connecticut repealed the death penalty, but the punishment remains in place for previous cases, including Komisarjevsky and Hayes.

Reuters

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Georgia men used toy helicopter in botched prison smuggling

New York, 29 Nov — Four men from the US state of Georgia have been arrested after allegedly using a remote-controlled toy helicopter to smuggle contraband into a state prison, officials said.

An official at the medium-security Calhoun State Prison spotted the toy helicopter hovering close to the jail in the city of Morgan, about 170 miles south of Atlanta, on 21 November, according to a contraband arrest report by the Georgia Department of Corrections. Gordon County Sheriff's deputies searched a "suspicious vehicle" near the prison and found a laptop computer, three batteries and a remote control for the helicopter, nine mobile phones, and a large bundle of marijuana, the report said.

"I've never seen a helicopter (used before). They were in the woods flying it," Calhoun County Sheriff Josh Hilton told WSB-TV. "They had binoculars, evidently, so they could watch it."

Officials found the helicopter once they searched the vehicle, along with about one to two pounds of tobacco rolled up, Hilton said.

It was unclear what contraband breached prison walls. The four Atlanta-area men, who made two drops of contraband that were later recovered by prison officials, were arrested and have been released on bail, WSB-TV reported.—*Reuters*

Real Madrid defence still a concern for coach Ancelotti

Real Madrid's coach Carlo Ancelotti attends a news conference on the eve of their Champions League soccer match against Galatasaray at the Valdebebas training grounds, outside Madrid on 26 Nov, 2013.
Reuters

Madrid, 29 Nov— Real Madrid may have strolled into the Champions League last 16 with a 4-1 win at home to Galatasaray on Wednesday but coach Carlo Ancelotti levelled some sharp criticism at centre backs Sergio Ramos and Pepe after the game.

While the nine-times European champions have had little trouble finding the net this season, largely thanks to the scintillating form of Cristiano Ronaldo, their defence has been fragile and they have only managed three clean sheets in 14 games in La Liga and one in five Champions League outings.

Ramos got himself sent off midway through the first half at the Bernabeu when he allowed Umut Bulut to get in front of him before felling the Galatasaray forward when he was through on goal.

Pepe was at fault for the Turkish side's equaliser when he reacted too slowly to a Didier Drogba through ball and Bulut snuck in behind him to finish clinically past Iker Casillas.

If Real are to claim the 10th European crown that has eluded them since their last success in 2002 they will need to tighten up at the back as their opponents in the knockout round are likely to offer a much stiffer challenge than tame Galatasaray.

"The match was made more difficult by the Sergio Ramos sending off," Ancelotti said in an interview with Spanish television broadcaster Canal Plus.

"I don't think the defenders should be taking risks, all they need to do is cover behind them and nothing more," added the Italian, who was clearly upset with Ramos as the Spain international trudged off the pitch.

"We suffered a sending off because of that and also for the Galatasaray goal when we didn't cover our backs properly.

"I have told the defenders many times that they have to cover behind them and I don't need to say it again." One bright spot in defence in Wednesday's game was the performance of fullback Alvaro Arbeloa, who scored Real's second goal and set up Angel Di Maria for the third and was named "man of the match" by Ancelotti.

Reuters

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker arrives in Japan

NAY PYI TAW,29 Nov —Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and party arrived in Tokyo yesterday morning.

In the afternoon, they visited the House of Representatives and observed the parliamentary session in progress.

In the evening, the Myanmar parliamentary delegation held talks with the Speaker of House of Representatives of Japan and party at National Diet Building of Japan.

During the meeting, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker highlighted further cooperation not only for strengthening friendship and amity between the two nations but also for boosting bilateral trade, investments and technological cooperation. He called for Japanese advice and support for the success of Myanmar's sweeping reforms.

The Japanese Speaker said that implementation of socio-economic development measures is perquisite to Myanmar. He called for promotion of international cooperation in investment and trade sectors based on the market-oriented

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IFRD to assist in development of irrigated farms

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—Union Minister for Agricultural and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing held talks with Project Manager Dr Omer Zafar from International Foundation for Research and Development (IFRD) and Dr Trheierry F. Mahieux (Micro and Finance Specialist) on Farm Project (fostering Agricultural Revitalization in Myanmar) which will be implemented with the assistance of IFRD.

The Union minister said that development of irrigated farms in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago Region, Kayin and Kayah States will be carried out with IFRD's loan assistance.

Project Manager Dr Omer Zafar and Dr Trheierry F. Mahieux touched upon farm project proposal, arrangement made for implementation of irrigated farms development with IFRD's loan and World Bank's effective programme for Myanmar's five farm reforms.

Swift implementation of the farm Project during 2014 was discussed at the meeting.—*MNA*

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives former Chief of the Defence Staff of Britain

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received former Chief of the Defence Staff General Sir David Richard (Retd) at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, senior military officers of Commander-in-Chief Office, British Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Andrew Patrick, Military Attaché Colonel Tony Stern and officials.At the meeting, they exchanged views on promoting of relations between two armed forces of Myanmar and Britain, and peace-making process of Myanmar.

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing poses for documentary photo with former Chief of Defence Staff General Sir David Richard (Retd).—MNA

Myanmar Futsal players ready to compete in SEA Games

Players of Myanmar Futsal team is under training for SEA Games.

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Nov—Players of Myanmar Futsal team is under training with earnest efforts for taking part in the XXVII SEA Games.

Both Myanmar men's and women's teams will compete in the SEA Games.

Myanmar men's team is included in the Group A together with Indonesia and Malaysia. The Group B is formed with Thailand, Vietnam and Laos. Myanmar will meet Malaysia at 6 pm on 9 December. Myanmar will play against Indonesia at 6 pm on 15 December. The top of Group A and the second of Group B will meet in the semifinal at 2 pm and the top of Group B and the second of Group A at 5 pm on 17 December. The two loser teams will meet in the third placed match at 10.30 am and two winner teams in the final match at 4 pm on 20 December.

In women's event, Myanmar women will meet with Vietnam at 3 pm on 10 December, Malaysia at 3 pm on 12 December, Indonesia at 3 pm on 16 December and Thailand at 3 pm on 18 December. Two top teams will meet in the first-placed match on 20 December.

At present, Myanmar Futsal teams are ready to take part in the Games, said Staff Officer U Kyaw Tun Oo of Sports Ministry.

Ko Myo (Shwe Paukkan)

Anti-government protesters break into Thai army compound

BANGKOK, 29 Nov—About 1,500 anti-government protesters forced their way into the compound of Thailand's army headquarters on Friday, the latest escalation in a city-wide demonstration seeking to topple Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra.

"We want to know which side the army stands on," shouted one protester, as others broke through padlocked red iron gates in Bangkok's historic quarter, waving Thai flags and blowing whistles.

In another district, about 1,000 people gathered outside the headquarters of Yingluck's ruling party, shouting "Get out, get out". Hours later, the protesters dispersed peacefully from both places.

The invasion of army headquarters deepens a conflict broadly pitting the urban middle class against the mostly rural supporters of Yingluck and her brother Thaksin Shinawatra, a former prime minister who was ousted in a 2006 military coup and who remains central to Thailand's eight years of on-off turmoil.

The protesters accuse Yingluck of abusing her party's parliamentary majority to push through laws that strengthen the behind-the-scenes power of her self-exiled, billionaire brother. They have rejected her repeated calls for dialogue.

Although the army moved its main command centre to a military camp in Bangkok's northern suburbs three days ago, the siege of its grounds by protesters is deeply symbolic and highlights the military's pivotal role in a country that has seen 18 successful or attempted coups in the past 80 years.

After forcing open the compound's wrought-iron front gates, protesters swarmed inside, demanding that Thailand's generals choose sides. About 100 soldiers stood guard. Hundreds watched from the balconies of the 19th-century cream-colored building.

"We want the head of Thailand's armed forces to choose whether they stand by the government or with the people," Uthai Yodmanee, a protest leader, said from the back of a truck.

Yingluck has publicly courted Thailand's powerful military, which has remained neutral in this bout of protests.

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Policemen stand in front of razor wire as anti-government protesters arrive to the Defense Ministry in central Bangkok November 28, 2013.—REUTERS