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President U Thein Sein felicitates King of Thailand, PM

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—On the occasion of the birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej which falls on 5 December 2013, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of the Kingdom of Thailand and Her Excellency Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra, Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of Thailand.—*MNA*

President U Thein Sein leaves for the Philippines

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—At the invitation of President of the Philippines Mr. Benigno Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein left here for the Philippines by special flight this morning.

The President was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-President U Nyan Tun, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Union Ministers, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, officials and Charge d' Affaires ai of the Philippines Embassy Ms. Maria Lourdes M. Salcedo.

The President was accompanied by Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Maung, U Myint Hlaing, U Zeyar Aung and Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win, Deputy Ministers U Ye Htut, Dr Win Myint and Dr Than Aung, and officials.—*MNA*

***President U Thein Sein being seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-President U Nyan Tun before his departure for Philippines.*—MNA**

Myanmar on track of victory with two gold in Chinlone

***Ma Khin Chaw Su, one of Myanmar woman selected Chinlone players, covering the national flag on her shoulder greeting the fans after grabbing the first gold for Myanmar at XXVII SEA Games.*—PHOTO BY AYE MIN SOE(NLM)**

By Alan Adams

The noise was deafening inside the 5,000-seat Wunna Theida stadium when Myanmar's men's and women's chinlone teams took to the floor for their respective gold medal matches round at the 2013 Southeast Asia Games.

"Myanmar must win. Myanmar must win,'' the crowd shouted before the start of each championship game as a band kept them rocking with traditional music.

And the fans went home happy as Myanmar beat Thailand 534-375 (174-114, 182-127, 177-134) for the women's gold , and the men then destroyed their Thai rivals 660-404 (210-134, 222-138, 228-132) to sweep the top of the podium.

The gold medals were the first awarded at the 18-day-long sports festival featuring 11 countries and the moment was not lost on anyone.

"I am very delighted for winning this event,'' said women's team member Thuza Aung. "I would like to convey my happiness to the entire people who love the traditional sport in Myanmar, a sport that has been played here for more than 2,000 years."

Chinlone is more than just a sport in the host country of the pressure-packed SEA Games. It is part of the national fabric and a sport that people take pride in.

"It is the most important sport in the country,'' said Ye Aung, a member of the Myanmar Chinlone Federation. "It is a sport played by everyone. It is very popular."

"Chinlone is based on harmony and unity in terms of mindset,'' added Aung. "Co-operation and concentration is very important for our players."

Unlike some of the sports at the SEA Ganes, Chinlone is an inexpensive sport to play in that it does not require a lot of space and all you really need is a ball and participants.

It is a sport played by kids when they get home from school throughout Myanmar and by workers when they unwind after a day on the job.

Thuza Aung is from the Latputta Township in Ayeyarwaddy region of Myanmar. She played the game as a child and earlier this year caught the attention of the national federation when it came time to assemble the team for the SEA Games.

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LOCAL NEWS

Convention on Rights of Child marked in Meiktila

The opening ceremony to mark CRC Day in progress at Meiktila BEHS.

MEIKTILA, 4 Dec—A ceremony to mark the Convention on Child Rights was held at No. 2 Basic Education High School in Meiktila recently.

The ceremony was opened by town's elder U Than Win and In-charge of Save the Children Daw Theingi Han opened the ceremony.

Next, the Township Administrator made a speech, and in-charge of the Save the Children Daw Theingi Han explained emergence of the UN Convention on Child Rights.

Officials presented prizes to the winners in the essay contest to mark the CRC Day. School children presented a song to the attendees.—*MMAL-Thein Myint Kyaw (Meiktila)*

Women's vocational courses conclude in Kanpetlet

KANPETLET, 4 Dec—Basic domestic science course No. 29 and advanced tailoring course No. 24 concluded at Women's Vocational Training School in Kanpetlet of Chin State recently.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Thant Zin made a speech.

Officials presented one sewing machine each to first prize winners Ma Shin Nai of basic training course and Ma Khin Mar Myint of the advanced course.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Suspect arrested for loss of money

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—Ma Than Than Swe, 31 of Aungmingala Village-tract in Magway of Magway Region on 30 November morning counted her money K 60075 at the counter of the shop and went to the back site of the house. When she arrived back the counter she saw a suspect who left her shop. Therefore, she called back the suspect Nay Lin Tun who already left there and she checked her money but her money in the drawer was lost.

Ma Than Than Swe, together with her cousins Min Swe, 28 and Naing Win Tun, 25 searched Nay Lin Tun, 17 of Aungzeyar (Special) Ward of Magway.

They saw K 1815 from the shirt and K 58260 at the fensing at the entrance to the residence.

Due to informing the police of theft case, Magway Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against the suspect under the law.

Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho)

ANTI-NARCOTIC DRIVES

20.6 kilos of opium seized in Pinlaung

PINLAUNG, 4 Dec—Members of Pinlaung Myoma Police Station of Shan State on 1 December morning together with witnesses performed surprised check at vehicles at the toll gate at the entrance to Pinlaung on Aungpan-Loikaw Road in Loibya Village of Pinlaunggyi Village-tract in the township.

They searched the motorcycle driven by Khun Kywam, 25 of Htikanlaung Village of Naungtaya Sub-Township and seized three packets of black rasin believed to be opium weighing 1.92 kilos each and five packets weighing 1.6 kilos, six packets weighing 1.14 kilos each totalling 20.6 kilos worth K 13,390,000.

Pinlaung Myoma Police Station filed the lawsuit against Khun Kywam under Sections 15/19(a) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—*Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho)*

HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES

Free medical treatment provided to local people in Mongyai

LASHIO, 4 Dec—Specialists led by Medical Superintendent Dr Di Pak of Lashio General Hospital under the supervision of Shan State Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myo Tun made field trips to the Loingin Village-tract of Mongyai Township, Shan State (North) recently.

They provided health care services to 994 patients including 525 general patients, 17 orthopaetic patients, 22 maternal patients, 25 dental patients, 126 eye patients, 57 ear, nose and throat patients and 172 child patients.

MMAL-District IPRD

Parami Foundation grants scholarship awards

An official of Parami Foundation of Indaw Township presents award to outstanding student.

INDAW, 4 Dec—Parami Foundation of Indaw Township in Sagaing Region held the presentation of scholarship awards and the 2nd anniversary at the hall of Basic Education High School in Indaw on 1 December.

Township Education Officer Daw Kyi Kyi Htay, Headmistress of Indaw BEHS Daw Tin Tin Moe and Vice-Chairman of the foundation Ko Kyi Tha Phyo made speeches.

They presented certificates of honour to the willwishers who donated over K 100,000 to the foundation.

Responsible persons submitted the annual report and financial statement to the meeting.

Executive Ma Khin Hnin Shein gave scholarship awards to student Ma Khaing Thin Kyi who passed the matriculation examination in 2012-2013 academic year.

Executive Ma Nyein Nyein Ei explained the mission, vision and future tasks of the foundation and gave spoke words of thanks.—*MMAL-156*

Reckless driving of motorbike leaves two injured

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—A motorcycle without number of plate driven by Mahn Tin Khaung, 16 of Sibinthaya Ward of Gangaw together with her sister Ma Ngwam Za, 30, heading for south from north on Bogyoke Street bumped against another motorcycle driven by Moe Tet, 19 of Mogaung Ward 1 in Gangaw together with Maung Tok Tok and Maung Kon Kon in front of the timber extraction office on 29 November.

In the incident, Moe Tet and Ma Ngwam Za were injured at heads and bodies.

ACCIDENT

Gangaw Myoma Police Station opened files of lawsuit against Mahn Tin Khaung and Moe Tet under the law.

Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho)

Motorbike thief arrested

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—While sleeping together with brick workers Min Oo, Hein Moe and Aung Htwe at a hut, U Kyaw Htwe, 31 of Htanngedaw Village in Myaing Township of Magway Region on 30 November locked his motorcycle.

When he woke up for working, he knew his bike was lost.

So he opened a file at Myaing Myoma police station the same day.

After investivation, police arrested the suspect Tin Maung Htwe, 29, of Paukpyin Village of Paukpyin Village-tract in Myaing Township together with the motorcycle in the street to Thanbingyi Monastery in Ward 2 of Myaing.—*Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho)*

CRIME

Ownerless Tamalan, teak sawn timber seized

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—Servicemen of local battalion in Bhamo, staff of Bhamo Township Forest Department and administrator and party of Koungtong Village seized 541 pieces of Tamalan sawn timber and 298 various sizes of Tamalan sawn timber weighing 12.176 tons, 175 pieces of sawn teak timber weighing 1.976 tons, totalling 14.152 tons of teak and Tamalan sawn timber worth K 11,124,000 stockpiled along the river bank of Koungtong and Myale Villages of the township on 29 November morning. The seized timber pieces were kept at the office of Sinkhin forest area.—*Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho)*

WORLD

Robert Einhorn, a former US State Department official, speaks in an interview with Kyodo News during a visit to Tokyo on 3 Dec, 2013. Einhorn, who had been tasked with overseeing sanctions on Iran, urged Japan to refrain from engaging in economic activities in Iran for now in line with steps aimed at curbing Teheran's nuclear activities.
KYODO NEWS

Japan, US considering holding Osprey drills in Niigata, Gunma

TOKYO, 4 Dec — Japan and the United States are planning to hold a joint drill using US *MV-22 Osprey* aircraft deployed at the US Marine Corps' Futenma Air Station in Okinawa in Niigata and Gunma prefectures in February and March next year, a government source said on Wednesday.

Defence Ministry officials will brief local authorities in the two central Japan prefectures about the planned drill to seek their approval, according to the source.

As part of effort to ease the burdens of Okinawa, which hosts the bulk of US forces in Japan, the ministry is considering holding more *Osprey* drills outside Okinawa.

Under a Japan-US agreement, the Futenma base is to be relocated from the densely populated city of Ginowan to a less-crowded coastal area in Nago, despite calls from local residents to move it out of the prefecture.

The focus is now on whether Okinawa will authorize a landfill project necessary to build a replacement facility in Nago. Nakaima is expected to make a decision on the matter soon.—*Kyodo News*

Rebuilding in typhoon-hit Philippines poses huge challenges

GUIUAN, (Philippines), 4 Dec — The trail of devastation and suffering left by Typhoon Haiyan in the eastern Philippines means that considerable resources and time will be required for rebuilding the stricken island-communities, disaster officials said on Wednesday.

"The scope (for rebuilding) here is very large," Lawrence Jeff Johnson, director of the International Labour Organization's country office in the Philippines, told *Kyodo News.*

The typhoon roared across the Philippines three weeks after a devastating earthquake hammered the central Philippines in October, stretching the Philippine government's resources and capability to cope with emergencies.

Haiyan, which made first landfall in this eastern Philippine town of Guiuan facing the Pacific on 8 November, obliterated several towns and cities in its path, killed at least 6,000 people and left 4.13 million others homeless.

Packing sustained winds of up to 235 kilometers per hour and gusts of up to 275 kph, the killer storm ripped through much of the central Philippines, flattened six major islands covering a total area of 57,000 sq km and affected an estimated 14.9 million people.

The government said some 204,000 people are still living in 1,031 evacuation centres.

The fierce winds and floods caused an estimated $799 million in damage to infrastructure, farms and homes, it said.

"The path from relief to recovery is long and requires massive amounts of resources," Johnson said.

"Many of these people were trying to build a life for themselves and their families, trying to get out of poverty. Then the storm came along and took everything away from them," he said.

Without social security and without decent work, Johnson warned that "many of these families run the risk of being thrust back into poverty and it could take generations to get out of it."—*Kyodo News*

Support for Afghanistan at risk if security pact delayed further

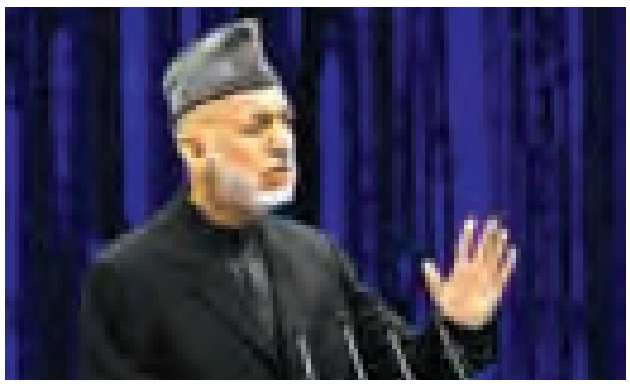
WASHINGTON, 4 Dec — Global support for Afghanistan will fade the longer President Hamid Karzai delays signing a security pact with the United States, a senior US official warned, as special envoy James Dobbins arrived in Kabul on Wednesday for talks with the government.

Frustration is mounting in Washington, and among NATO allies, over Karzai's refusal to sign a bilateral security agreement (BSA), intended to shape the US military presence in the country beyond 2014.

After an assembly of Afghan elders, called a Loya Jirga, endorsed the pact last month, Karzai surprised the international community when he said he might not sign the deal until after elections in April.

That would hold up vital military planning for a post-2014 mission.

A series of discussions between US and Afghan officials have been held since, to seek an end to the impasse. Dobbins arrived in Kabul as part of that effort, although the US embassy there declined to say if he would meet Karzai.



Afghan President Hamid Karzai speaks during the opening of the Loya Jirga, in Kabul on 21 Nov, 2013.
REUTERS

"The longer this goes on the more that international support will erode," the US official told *Reuters* in Washington.

"It is quite clear to us that the delay in signing this agreement is adding tremendous uncertainty to an already uncertain environment in Afghanistan."

The official said Dobbins' visit to Kabul was part of regular consultations in the region, but the security pact would be raised.

The United States was now at pains to explain to Afghan officials, both publicly and privately, the political and related economic cost of prolonged uncertainty if the deal was not quickly signed, the official added. Also at stake are billions of dollars in foreign assistance if donors worry about the future of development projects. US Secretary of State John Kerry on Tuesday suggested that Afghanistan's defense minister or other senior government officials could also sign the pact.—*Reuters*

Ukraine protesters threaten tighter blockade over spurned EU pact

KIEV, 4 Dec — Ukraine's government faced a tightening blockade of key buildings by protesters in the capital Kiev on Wednesday amid a crisis over its rejection of closer ties with the European Union that has piled pressure on the creaking economy.

Protesters threatened to extend their blockade to the office of President Viktor Yanukovich, who flew to China on Tuesday leaving behind a country in turmoil over his government's decision last month to spurn a landmark EU trade accord.

The crisis has exposed once more the East-West tug-of-war playing out in Ukraine, which has oscillated between the EU and former Soviet master Moscow since the 2004-5 Orange Revolution overthrew the post-Soviet political order.

Protestors gather near the presidential administration building in Kiev, capital of Ukraine, on 3 Dec, 2013.
XINHUA

Yanukovich's Prime Minister, Mykola Azarov, said his cabinet would hold its weekly meeting on Wednesday in the government building, paving the way for a possible showdown with the protesters, who have blocked the entrances since Monday.

Azarov's government survived an opposition bid to topple it in parliament on Tuesday, but won little relief. International markets kept up the pressure, driving the cost of insuring Ukrainian debt against default to a level not seen since January 2010. Ukraine faces gas bills and debt repayments next year of more than $17 billion.—*Reuters*

10 million voters begin casting ballots in Indian capital in local legislative poll

NEW DELHI, 4 Dec — About 10 million voters began casting ballots on Wednesday morning in the Indian capital for the local legislative election.

The election is seeing for the first time a three way battle contested by the incumbent Congress government, opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the new, anti-corruption AAP party.

Delhi chief minister Sheila Dikshit is fighting for a fourth term in the election, after her party was tainted by a corruption scandal during the Commonwealth Games in 2009 during her third term in office in the most powerful and prosperous region of India. The BJP is also gambling on the influence of its prime ministerial candidate Narendra Modi who is campaigning for next year's election around the country.

However, both the Congress and BJP are expected to see a large amount of votes being shifted to the third party, the AAP, as voters who are not happy with either of them would vote for the anti-corruption party inspired by Mahatma Gandhi, the founder of modern India.

About 810 candidates for the local legislative council are in the field for the votes which will end in the afternoon by 17:00 p m local time. All banks, government institutions, schools and alcohol liquor shops are closed for the day. *Xinhua*

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

WalkMe through this website (young Israeli startup)

Young Israeli startup lets e-commerce, e-learning and e-banking sites devise simple tutorial balloons to help users complete transactions.

By Avigayil Kadesh

Anyone who's gotten confused while trying to buy a product or do a financial transaction online – and that includes most of us – will be relieved to know that Israeli startup WalkMe is already marketing its user-friendly "Walk-Thru" instruction system.

WalkMe guides people through any online process step-by-step, via popup balloons attached to elements on the web page. The balloons appear in a sequential manner triggered by the user's actions, and can be customized using a wide range of styles, colors and languages.

Publicly launched in Tel Aviv in early 2012, WalkMe is designed not only to be easy for users but also for publishers, who do not need any technical skills or software modifications to incorporate WalkMe tip balloons.

Business took off very quickly, says Aviel Weinstein, who handles WalkMe sales in the United States and Europe. By now, there are more than 1,000 clients, including major players such as Cisco, Expedia, Ideas.com, Deloitte, India Times and Constant Contact.

In October, the company closed a $5.5 million financing round led by Gemini Israel Funds to further develop and market the system. That brought WalkMe's total financing to $7 million – not a meager accomplishment for CEO Dan Adika, a 20-something software engineer. He heads a multinational staff of 40 in Tel Aviv, and a San Francisco office was opened in September 2012.

"WalkMe is a disruptive system that can fundamentally change the way online services engage with their users," said Gemini general partner Eran Wagner. "WalkMe's ability to increase visitor clarity, satisfaction and conversion while dramatically reducing help-desk costs, makes it a no-brainer for a business of any size."

GPS for website users

WalkMe is employed by many e-commerce sites — one of the first to sign on was Domino's Pizza in Israel — as well as e-learning and e-banking websites.

Electronic banking transactions, in particular, cause confusion and stress since money and sensitive information is at stake. "WalkMe guarantees users an error-free environment so they can feel confident they are doing the process 100 percent right because they are literally being walked through it," says Weinstein.

A sort of personal tutor or GPS for website users, WalkMe is a unique first-market solution for driving the business process and converting users into customers. "We have found that users generally finish the process because it is engaging," says Weinstein.

Tip balloons can be added in different styles, colours and languages.

Tip balloons are much less expensive to create than video tutorials, and they don't require users to go back later and apply what they've learned. "Here you're accomplishing the task at the same time as you're being shown how to do it," he says.

Simple setup

WalkMe works on all web applications and websites and also offers an app that dovetails with Salesforce, the world's largest customer relationship management (CRM) platform.

"Many companies use Salesforce to keep track of all sales and leads," Weinstein explains. "These companies spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on Salesforce and are using maybe 10 percent of what it can do. The WalkMe app enhances usability and cuts training costs."

Clients can choose

A WalkMe tip balloon on Salesforce.

among different payment models, from a free three Walk-Thrus to $975 per month for up to 40 Walk-Thrus and 30,000 assists (user-activated interactions). "It's very easy to create, edit and publish our Walk-Thrus on your website," says Weinstein. "All you need to do is click to get started and download the WalkMe plugin, which works on Mozilla Firefox. To publish, you paste a single line of Java code into your HTML header. No other integration is needed, and it can be done in a matter of minutes.

Once the Walk-Thru is built and goes live, anyone can access it from any browser with no downloading. It's very intuitive not only for users but also for our clients."

Technology, rules keep Amazon drone delivery in hangar, for now

SEATTLE, 4 Dec — Amazon.com Inc Chief Executive Officer Jeff Bezos made a splash on Sunday with his radical plan to deliver goods to millions of its customers' doors by using a fleet of unmanned drones, but the bold vision is not likely to become a reality this decade. By Bezos' own admission, the technology that would enable electric-powered 'octocopters' to fly to pre-programmed addresses unaided by humans is still early in development, and the United States is not likely to establish rules for civilian unmanned aircraft systems until 2015 at the earliest. On top of that, the idea faces privacy concerns and was derided by some as merely a publicity stunt.

"I know this looks like science fiction. It's not," Bezos told Charlie Rose on CBS News' "60 Minutes" show on Sunday night, demonstrating video of a buzzing, toy-sized chopper delicately dropping a small package on a customer's patio. The piece was aired on the eve of "Cyber Monday," one of the busiest online shopping days of the year when it helps

An Amazon PrimeAir drone is shown in this publicity photo released to Reuters on 2 Dec, 2013.— REUTERS

Amazon to be on the minds of customers. Dubbed "Prime Air" by Amazon, the vehicles could be used to deliver packages up to 5 lbs (2.3 kg) in less than 30 minutes within a 10-mile (16-km) radius of Amazon's so-called fulfillment centers, said Bezos.

"This is still years away... I don't want anyone to think this is just around the corner," said Bezos on "60 Minutes," acknowledging that the technology needs years of work, and the US Federal Aviation Administration won't likely have rules on unmanned vehicles until 2015 at the earliest.But Bezos — renowned for his patience on long-term projects —said he was optimistic on making it a reality sooner rather than later. "Could it be four, five years? I think so. It will work, and it will happen, and it's going to be a lot of fun," added Bezos.

The idea of deliveries by unmanned vehicles is not completely new. Tech news site the Verge reported last month that Australian textbook rental firm Zookal plans to use drones to deliver books in that country next year, possibly expanding the service to the United States later. But that company, and Bezos, are up against a raft of real-world challenges. The UK-based Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) immediately warned that the technology needs refinement. "There are many challenges to overcome," said the IET's Lambert Dopping-Hepenstal, who is pushing for wider use of unmanned aircraft worldwide. "Top of the list is the need to mature the technologies and demonstrate to the regulators that unmanned aircraft can operate safely in our airspace."

US authorities have recognized the commercial applications of drones, but appear to be in no hurry to set the rules. The FAA currently only allows the use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) by public entities on a case-by-case basis." Over the next several years the FAA will establish regulations and standards for the safe integration of remote piloted UAS to meet increased demand," the FAA said in an e-mailed statement on Monday. The FAA plans to begin tests on commercial UAS by the end of this year and to propose a rule for small craft next year, which means no firm regulations will be set before 2015. So far, only a single commercial UAS operator has been approved, in the Arctic.

Reuters

Hacker of Koch Industries website sentenced in Kansas

NEW YORK, 4 Dec —A Wisconsin man was sentenced on Monday to two years probation after he admitted taking part in a cyber attack sponsored by the hacker group Anonymous against Kansas conglomerate Koch Industries in February 2011, federal prosecutors said.

Eric J Rosol, 38, also was ordered by the US District Court in Wichita, Kansas, to pay $183,000 restitution for waging the attack on Koch Industries's, which is led by billionaire brothers David and Charles Koch who are prominent contributors to conservative political causes. The attack on the Koch webpage was launched on 28 Feb, 2011, when Madison, Wisconsin, was the center of massive demonstrations by unions and supporters against a drive by the Republican-led state legislature and governor to curb the powers of many public sector unions. Americans for Prosperity, a group founded by David Koch, launched an advertising campaign to support the proposed curbs.

Reuters

A protester wearing a Guy Fawkes mask, symbolic of the hacktivist group ''Anonymous'', takes part in a protest in central Brussels on 28 Jan, 2012. —REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Twitter stock gets mixed reviews from IPO underwriters

SAN FRANCISCO, 4 Dec — Twitter Inc shares slipped on Monday after some of the five lead underwriters of its initial public offering said the social media firm may not achieve Facebook-like scale and its stock may not rise much higher. In their first research reports since the November IPO, only Deutsche Bank and Goldman Sachs recommended buying the stock. Morgan Stanley and JP Morgan issued the equivalent of "hold" ratings. One analyst, Justin Post of Bank of America Merrill Lynch, initiated coverage with a sell rating and valued shares at $36, according to theflyonthewall.com.

Twitter shares dipped 1.3 percent to $41 on Monday. After an explosive debut on 7 November, when shares closed more than 70 percent above the $26 IPO price, Twitter has churned for weeks in the low $40s. At $41, the San Francisco-based company still trades at roughly 20 times estimated 2014 revenues, a multiple that dwarfs that of social media peers like Facebook Inc and LinkedIn Corp at roughly 11 and 17.6 times, respectively. Firms that played a role in the IPO were not allowed to issue recommendations on the stock during a three-week span following the IPO known as the "quiet period." Their projections, published on Monday, added little clarity to the debate over a fast-growing but still unprofitable company that has divided opinion on Wall Street.

Twitter's IPO was easily the most highly anticipated technology offering since Facebook's in 2012. Some on Wall Street have questioned whether Twitter will ever gain the same kind of vast user base Google Inc and Facebook have relied on to grow their businesses. "The biggest unknown is that TWTR may be a niche product and won't break through to the mainstream, and may never see MAUs up near the 1B+ levels of mega-platforms like GOOG and FB," Deutsche Bank analyst Ross Sandler wrote in reference to the more than one billion users of both Facebook and Google. Sandler, the most bullish of the five analysts who kicked off coverage on Monday, put a $50 price target on the stock.

The Twitter symbol is displayed at the post where the stock is traded on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on 15 Nov, 2013. —REUTERS

Although Twitter has rapidly revved up its revenue engine in the past year, investors are counting on it to continue delivering significant top-line gains. The company said last month that revenue in the third quarter more than doubled from a year ago to $168.6 million. Goldman Sachs analysts led by Heath Terry saw "substantial opportunity" for growth acceleration even above Twitter's current pace as it expands internationally, thus justifying Goldman's $46 price target. Goldman was the lead underwriter on Twitter's IPO.

Reuters

Saab resumes car production in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, 4 Dec — The National Electric Vehicle Sweden AB (Nevs) held a ceremony on Monday in its Trollhattan factory, western Sweden, to commemorate the start of production of Saab 9-3 Aero. Minister of the Enterprise Annie Loof, Qingdao Vice Mayor Li Chenggang, Chinese Ambassador to Sweden Chen Yuming, and Mayor of Trollhattan Paul Akerlund attended the ceremony, celebrating the event in the Saab history.

Annie Loof, Minister of Enterprise praised the significance of the Saab's factory in Trollhattan, and said, "Although Nevs has made its stay possible in its own means, we from the Swedish government hope that our policies along with other competitive things will be a solid foundation for Nevs to prosper here in Sweden." The car produced is a high-spec Saab 9-3 Aero Sedan with a 220 hp 2.0-liter turbo, a previously recognized high-performance engine of the Saab cars. Sales are initially focused in China with a small number of vehicles being sold directly from Nevs to Swedish customers via the Nevs' website.

The electric car based on the Saab 9-3 will be launched in spring 2014, with China as the first market. Nevs' partner and part owner Qingdao has initially placed an order for a pilot fleet of 200 electric cars with delivery starting in spring 2014. At the beginning of this year, Qingdao invested SEK 2 billion, obtaining a 22 percent ownership share of NEVS through a directed share issue.

The company claims that the production rate will be very modest to ensure "quality and the supply chain functions", i.e. about ten cars a week initially, and then gradually increased to meet customers' demand. Sales in Sweden, via Nevs' website, will start on 10 December.

Xinhua

US approves Microsoft purchase of Nokia's mobile business

WASHINGTON, 4 Dec — US antitrust regulators have approved Microsoft Corp's deal to buy Nokia Corp's mobile phone business, the Federal Trade Commission said on Monday. The approval, which was expected, was dated on 29 November. The next step will be for the companies to win approval in Europe for the proposed $7.3 billion transaction.

Two people familiar with the matter told *Reuters* on 22 November that the transaction was headed for unconditional approval in Brussels. The EU competition watchdog has set a 4 December deadline for its decision. Nokia had in September agreed to sell its devices and services business and license its patents to Microsoft after failing to recover from a late start in the smartphone sector. The purchase underscores Microsoft's push into the competitive consumer devices market, where it faces fierce competition from market leader Samsung Electronics and Apple. Nokia shareholders in mid-November gave a thumbs-up to the sale of what was once Finland's biggest brand, at one point worth 4 percent of the national GDP. — *Reuters*

A photo illustration shows the Microsoft logo displayed on a Nokia phone in Vienna on 3 Sept, 2013. REUTERS

Four UK mobile operators agree to stop enforcing mid-contract price hikes

LONDON, 4 Dec — Four of Britain's largest mobile phone operators have agreed to government proposals to stop enforcing mid-contract price hikes and to cap bills from stolen or lost phones, as the cost of living shapes up as the top issue before an election in 2015.

The government said on Monday it would cut some green levies paid by energy companies so they could cut prices.

EE, the market No 1 with roughly 27 million subscribers, Vodafone, Three and Virgin Media said they would allow customers to break contracts without penalty if their tariffs were raised mid-contract, a Department of Culture and Media statement said. No 2 mobile operator O2, with about 23 million subscribers, said it was still in talks with Britain's government about the proposals. O2 said in a statement, "We need clarity on what the guidance means for us and our customers before we can sign up to all the commitments referred to by Government."

It was not clear when the proposals on mobile phone charges - among some of the lowest in Europe - would be introduced, but the government said it was aiming for the liability cap to be in place from spring next year. The government said the four mobile phone operators as well as fixed-line providers BT, Sky and TalkTalk had also pledged to support European Commission-led plans to eliminate roaming charges within Europe by 2016. When the plans were unveiled in September, the commission said they would foster a cross-border market for telecoms services and spur investment in networks, but mobile operators say they would erode short-term profits.

Reuters

Vodafone branding is seen on the side of a London taxi in London on 12 Nov, 2013.—REUTERS

Eight foods to keep cancer away

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2. Bitter gourd
3. Sea weed
4. Sweat potato
5. Pumpkin
6. Wheat bran
7. Radish
8. Kiwi fruit.

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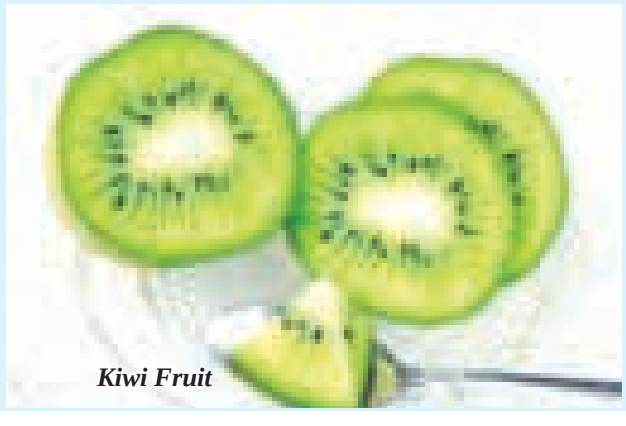

Kiwi Fruit

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Myanmar Men's & Women's Chinlone Teams Bring Honour to Their Motherland

Myanmar men's Chinlone team winning the second gold in XXVII SEA Games cheered by crowds.—(Photo by Thura –Toungoo)

IN THE LINE OF DUTY: *Reporters of Myanma Alinn, Kyemon and the New Light of Myanmar focusing on their work of sending news on SEA Games to their dailies utilizing the facilities at the Main Press Centre opened at Gems Museum in Nay Pyi Taw on 4-12-2013.*—NLM

The accompaniment of Myanma SaingWaing (Myanmar Traditional Orchestra) at the Chinlone contest raise the spirit of players as well as fans. Photo by Aye Min Soe- NLM

A Myanmar selected Chinlone player demonstrates her skills. (Photo by Thura-Toungoo)

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Myanmar on track of victory with two gold in Chinlone

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Her road to gold started with the selection process in January when the Myanmar Chinlone Federation pooled coaches and officials in all corners of the country and invited 25 men and women to a national selection camp in Yangon.

The number was later reduced to 16 men and 16 women who wear their country's colors at the SEA Games.

The fans clapped and sang throughout both matches. When the women hit the 100-point plateau, the fans were on their feet clapping and chanting, "Myanmar, Myanmar, Myanmar."

And when the men reached 600 points, a massive roar of approval rained down on the players.

"The audience give us energy and strength for winning the game,'' said Thuza Aung. "This is a reward for not only our Myanmar team but also for our entire people."

If she had her way, chinlone would take the stage at other international sports events, such as the Asian Games.

"I want to promote Myanmar traditional sport and get to know the world,'' she said.

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Myanmar Women's team plays Chinlone during the match against Thai.
PHOTO BY AYE MIN SOE

Given how chinlone holds a place in the hearts of people here, the pressure to win is intense.

"This is a significant competition for the federation,'' said Ye Aung. "We've seen other countries improve and we expect to win gold in all (eight) categories."

The federation can definitely count on having a boisterous crowd cheer on their national heroes if the men's and women's gold medals today were any measuring stick.

The stadium was sea of yellow, which represents peace, and green, which represents harmony.

Myanmar Men's team plays Chinlone during the match against Thai.
PHOTO BY AYE MIN SOE

A Myanmar fan waves miniature flag as he chants "Myanmar must win" along with other supporters.—PHOTO BY AYE MIN SOE

A waitress carries food on a tray at a restaurant of the food court of Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw on 4 Dec, 2013. The food court is comprised with twenty-five restaurants offering Chinese, Japanese and traditional food of ethnic people at reasonable price.—(PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE)

An operator of Ayeyawady Bank's money changer gives exchanged money to a customer at Wunna Theikdi Indoor Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw on 4 Dec, 2013. Money changers, souvenir shops and food stalls at Wunna Theikdi Stadium are ready to serve their customers. But, they all have seen a few customers these days. There are also six money changers behind food court of Wunna Theikdi Stadium. All has kept open two days ago.—(PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE)

The New Light of Myanmar

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 5 December, 2013

Localization

The Myanmarsar, literally the Myanmar language, has a rich deposit of vocabularies thanks to its absorbing nature. It has plenty of adopted or transliterated words from Pali, Sanskrit, Mon, Hindi, English and so on. As adopted words occupy the lives of Myanmar people on a daily basis, it seems difficult to communicate among the people taking the same language without foreign words. The problem is more visible in the field of technology. There is no word for technical terms, but we never bother to transliterate and it is more convenient as well. Being rich in vocabulary is a welcome change for a language, but it still has side effects. If your desktop computer, for instance, is localized to the Myanmar language, it would almost be a re-production of English words written in Myanmar alphabets.

There have been efforts to localize the computer systems into a standard Myanmar language system since earlier 2000s. Due to restless efforts of IT technicians and volunteers in the country, there come out some operating systems with Myanmar language support. Still there are discrepancies in meaning and spelling though.

There is still no standard Unicode font system in Myanmar. Most local web sites appear in Zawgyi font and Myanmar3, but still there are many Unicode systems for Myanmar language.

Localization is necessary to boost IT literacy among the public. The localization has so far been driven by volunteers with weak funding. Efforts of local IT experts should be encouraged to localize the mostly used computer systems to make them uniform and easily accessible by users from every nook and corner of the country.

NATIONAL

President U Thein Sein arrives in Manila

MANILA, 4 Dec— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and party arrived in Manila, the Republic of the Philippines, at 3:20 pm local time today.

They were welcomed at Ninoy Aquino International Airport by Vice-President Mr. Jejomar Binay and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to the Philippines U Ye Myint Aung and officials.

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President U Thein Sein being welcomed at Ninoy Aquino International Airport by officials.
MNA

Socio-economic development tasks in Letpadaungtaung region progressing

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec— On his inspection tour of Letpadaungtaung region yesterday, Chairman of the committee for implementation of the investigation commission's report on Letpadaungtaung copper mining project Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun called for timely completion of the construction of 16-bed station hospital near Taung Palu village on Pathein-Monywa road.

Upon completion of new station hospital built by Myanmar-Wenbao Company Limited spending more than K 400 million on it, local people in the regions of Letpadaungtaung, Kyaysintaung and Sabeitaung copper mining projects and nearby villages will be able to have easy access to health care services.

Next, the committee chairman together with Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye, Union Ministers U Win Tun and Dr Myint Aung, deputy ministers, region ministers, Managing Director Maj-Gen Zarni Win of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited and officials of Myanmar-Wenbao Limited attended an opening of a new school building for Kyaukpyudaing village post-primary school in Phaungkada village-tract. The school building was built with the contribution of K 43.2 million by the Ministry of Education during the 2013-14 FY. They then presented a set of TV and foodstuff to villagers.

Afterwards, they formally opened the Kyaukpyudaing village electrification ceremony. More than K 52.2 million was spent to implement rural electrification program that can benefit 250 households in the village in accord with corporate social responsibility of business entities.

They also formally opened the Pyinnya Alinn library for the village. The library was built with the contribution of K 4 million by Myanmar Libraries Foundation and Myanmar-Wenbao company.

They also inspected Salingyi dam benefiting 600 acres of farmland in nearby villages, Bokesu small dam and 145-acre farmland reclamation project that aims to provide more farmlands to local people, to boost rural development, to reduce poverty rate and to improve environmental conservation in the region. Local people in the copper mining region can contact Sagaing Region Government Office if they want to set up croplands on the new land where industrial crops and perennial trees are being grown.—*MNA*

Myanmar ready to provide speedy communications networks in SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec— A ceremony to mark the completion of the Urgent Project for Communications Networks took place at Network Operation Centre in Dekkhinathiri Township, here, today, attended by Union Minister U Myat Hein, deputy ministers, the Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar, officials of Japan International Cooperation Agency, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan and Japanese companies that partook in the project.

The project worth 1.71 billion yen included upgrading of Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay (30Gbps) Backbone Network, establishment of Metro Network (10Gbps) in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay and High Speed Broadband Access (LTE) in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Ngwehsaung, upgrading of communication devices and Internet Gateway.

As the project was completed ahead of the SEA Games, Myanmar will be able to see speedy Internet communications networks during the SEA Games, thereby contributing towards significant improvement in Myanmar's ICT sector.—*MNA*

Union Minister U Myat Hein views Network Operation Centre in Dekkhinathiri Township.—**MNA**

Myanmar, Japan focus on cooperation in Myanma railways, road transport sectors

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec— Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Than Htay received Mr Ryuji Masuno, Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan at the Ministry, here, today.

At the first vice minister level meeting, they discussed upgrading of Yangon-Mandalay railroad, ODA for purchasing locomotives and carriages, upgrading of Yangon circular trains and railroad, technological assistance and aids for development of human resources, Japan's cash assistance for promotion of railway signal and communication system, observation for upgrading rail transportation in the future, technological assistance for checking licences both vehicles and drivers, assembling of vehicles for smooth downtown and highway transportation and solving the traffic problems in downtown.

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Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr. Andelfo Jose Garcia Gonzelez as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Colombia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr. Andelfo Jose Garcia Gozelez obtained MA Degree in Latin American and Caribbean Studies from New York University, USA in 1981 and Doctorate Degree in Law, Social and Political Sciences from National University of Colombia in 1997. He served as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia from 1992 to 1994. He also served as Member of the Advisory Board of the Secretary General of the United Nations on Disarmament Matters and as Chairman of the United Nations Disarmament Commission in 1997. From 1994 to 1998, Mr. Andelfo Jose Garica Gozelez served as Deputy Permanent Representative/Ambassador of Colombia to the United Nations. He has also served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Colombian Embassy in Madrid from 2006 to 2007 and in London from 2008 to 2009. At present, he is serving as Colombian Ambassador to Thailand since May, 2013.

Mr. Andelfo Jose Garcia Gonzelez will be accredited as Ambassador of the Republic of Colombia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok.—*MNA*

Union FM felicitates Thai Dy PM and FM

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—On the occasion of the birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej which falls on 5 December 2013, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Dr. Surapong Tovichakchaikul, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand.—*MNA*

The Hotel Royal Ace put into service to mark 27th SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—As a gesture of hailing the upcoming 27th SEA Games, an opening ceremony of The Hotel Royal Ace took place in the compound of State Guest House in Dekkhinathiri Township, here, this morning, attended by Union Ministers U Thein Nyunt, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council, U Tint Hsan, U Aye Myint Kyu and U Htay Aung, deputy ministers, Nay Pyi Taw Council members, businessmen and guests.

First, Union Ministers U Tint Hsan, U Aye Myint Kyu and U Htay Aung, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Kan Chun, Vice-Mayor U Than Kyaw Htoo, ACE construction company vice-chairman U Htay Myint and Administrative Director U Zaw Moe Win formally opened the ceremony.

Next, Union Minister U Thein Nyunt unveiled the signboard of The Hotel Royal Ace and viewed round the hotel together with those present. The Hotel Royal Ace located on Tawwin Yadana road in the compound of State Guest House has two presidential suites, two royal suites, four executive suites, 44 premier suites and 128 superior rooms, totaling 180 and meeting room, call room, function hall and swimming pool. As a first phase, 89 rooms have been put into service today for accommodation of sports athletes and guests during the SEA Games.—*MNA*

***Opening ceremony of The Hotel Royal Ace for hailing upcoming 27th SEA Games in progress.*—MNA**

Students to be nurtured…

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During his inspection tour of Lashio, the Vice-President offered provisions to the Sayadaw of Kanmein monastery and attended the golden umbrella-hoisting ceremony of Sulamuni Abaya Hsutaungpyae Pagoda in the compound of Thiri Mingala Mansu Shan monastery in Lashio.

Likewise, he also attended the stake-driving ceremony to build Buddhological Museum in the monastery compound.

Then, he visited Shweli Mawkham monastery in Ward-6 of Lashio where he made cash donation for the under-construction building for the monks.

In the afternoon, the Vice-President delivered an address at a ceremony to honour wellwishers and specialists who provided the ceremony to give free medical treatment to eye patient, dental patients and cleft lip and palate patients at the hall of Shan literature and culture association.

Union Ministers U Kyaw Lwin and U Khin Yi and the chief minister presented certificates of honour to wellwishers and specialists. In his address, the Vice-President has spoken words of thanks for contributions of specialists, wellwishers who took care of all heath care expenditures and departmental officials. Such kind of ceremony will be held to provide free surgeries to remaining patients at appropriate time, he added.

A total of 3983 eye patients in Lashio were given free medical treatment during the period from 30 November to 3 December. Among them, 172 patients received eye surgeries. In the evening, the Vice-President and party arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw.—*MNA*

Myanmar Chinlone…

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Thailand (407), Laos (344), Malaysia (246) and Singapore (156) while Myanmar women's team topped the table with 514 points, followed by Thailand (363), Cambodia (157) and Malaysia (128). In the men's Chinlone event, Myanmar won over Thailand with 660-404 points while Myanmar defeated Thailand with 534-375 points in the women's Chinlone event.

The Chinlone competition is the first-ever one in the history of the SEA Games. Tomorrow, Thailand, Laos, Malaysia and Cambodia will compete in the men's preliminary six-point skill event. And women's teams from Laos, Malaysia and Thailand will participate in tomorrow's event.

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Developing region not only good for Defence Services but also for the country

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—Self-development paves the way for moving towards regional development. The process of developing a region through self-development is not only good for Defence Services but also for the country, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said in meeting with officers and other ranks and their families of An and Buthidaung stations in Rakhine State yesterday, highlighting the role of Defence Services which is responsible to keep peace and stability needed for the development of a certain region.

The Senior General called for risk management to be put in place for rendering assistance to the victims in time of emergency.

The Commander-in-Chief and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla presented gifts to service men and their families and maternal and child welfare associations of the stations. Likewise, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo also presented sports gear to responsible persons. The Commander-in-Chief and party also visited Sittway Regional Control Command where he heard reports and left necessary instructions.

During their stay in Rakhine State, the Senior General and wife attended a consecration ceremony of Buddha images being kept at Lawka Nanda Pagoda and Maha Waiyan Sasana Beikman held at Maha Waiyan Sasana Beikman cave in Sittway this morning and offered provisions to members of the Sangha.— *Myawady*

***Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents gifts to a serviceman.*—MNA**

Myanmar, Netherlands to promote trade and investment

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint attended the opening ceremony of 9th WTO Ministerial Meeting at Nusa Dua Conference Center in Bali of Indonesia yesterday.

Indonesian President Mr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono opened the conference. Among the attendees were WTO Director-General Mr Roberto Azevada, trade ministers from the WTO member countries, responsible persons from international and regional organizations and observers.Indonesian Trade Minister Mr Gita and the WTO Director-General extended greetings and then the Indonesian President delivered a speech on the occasion.

The Indonesian President highlighted cooperation among the member countries for further cementing multi-national trading system, producing the equal and fair results from WTO meetings and continued coordination of Geneva Conference's unfinished works at the Bali Conference.

Later, the WTO Director-General and the Chairman of WTO General Council explained farm sector discussed at the Geneva Conference, smooth flow of trade and the development condition of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

The Union Minister also held talks with Ms Liliane Ploumen, Minister of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of Kingdom of the Netherlands at the Nusa Dua Conference Center. The meeting focused on promoting trade and investment between the two countries.

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LOCAL NEWS

Shan national races enjoying New Year

CULTURE

Shan national races held New Year Day celebrations on a grand scale in cold season of this year.

HSIPAW, 4 Dec—The auspicious ceremony of Happy New Year for 2108 Shan Era was held at the ground of Kunchaung Village in Keinshe Teinsan Village-tract in Hsipaw Township of Shan State (North) at midnight of 2 December.

The ceremony was held in traditions of Shan national races.

Five older persons of the village gave speeches on the New Year festival.

Members of Shan traditional cultural troupes enjoyed the bonfire on a grand scale, singing Mingala songs, launching fireworks, feeding glutinuous rice as new harvest feasts and performing traditional songs and dances.

A similar ceremony was held at Aungmingala Bodaw Monastery organized by Shan Literature and Culture Committee.

Kyemon-Sai (Hsipaw)

Local people are enjoying happily at bonfire with dances and songs in their traditions as New Year celebration of Shan national races in Hsipaw.

DONATION

Japanese wellwisher funds renovation of old school building

MEIKTILA, 4 Dec—As the building of No 131 Basic Education Primary School in Inbinwa Village of Yayway Village-tract, 25 miles west to Meiktila was damaged in its condition, retired personnel Mr Takao Yamamoto, 81, of Iizuka of Japan spent over K 10 million on reconstruction of the building.

The new school building was opened on 2 December.

Wellwisher Mr Takao Yamamoto, village administrator U San Aung and Headmistress Daw Kaythi Soe opened the new school building.

Headmistress Daw Aye Aye Win of Yayway BEHS and village administrator U San Aung made speeches. Japanese wellwisher Mr Takao Yamamoto explained the purpose of donations and presented exercise books, pencils and candies to the students.

Next, he gave gifts to teachers.

The old school building was 120 feet long, 20 feet high and 26 feet wide. The wellwisher cost rebuilding of the school and provied furniture, floor, tube-well, water tank and office worth K 10 million.

He had donated over K 150 million for construction of new buildings at Shay Hsaung School for the Blind, Nyaunggaing Parahita Orphanage, Tawma, Htantaw Uyin, Yondawgyi, Uyingon, Industrial Zone and Inbinwa villages in Pakokku, Thanlyin and Meiktila townships spending K 150 million.

U Tin Hlaing-Meiktila

TOURISM INDUSTRY

Modern tiolets under construction in Kawthoung for convenience of globetrotters

KAWTHOUNG, 4 Dec—The entrance view to Kawthoung is the most beautiful at the riverside as it is located at the southern most of Taninthayi Region.

Bayintnaung Cape, Strand Road, park, modern housings and buildings and shopping malls, the building designed of Myanan Sankyaw Golden Palace of Mandalay are attracting tourists across the world, especially from those of Thailand.

In this regard, the town needs to give service to the globetrotters with neat and tidy modern toilets.

That is why Kawthoung Township Development Affairs Committee is building public toilets of two rooms at the corner of the park near the jetty.

If the foreigners pay visit to the town, the nation and the town can earn incomes. If the tourists are interested in the region for their interests, investments may flow into the region, contributing to creation of job opportunities for the local people.

Neat and clean toilets are provided to the tourists in developing countries. However, the toilets should be built far from the public places and the sites where the people take relaxation.—*Kyemon-Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung)*

ANTI-NARCOTIC DRIVES

1273 stimulant tablets worth K 6.365 million seized in Lanmadaw Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—Members of No 42 Anti-Drug Squad (Yangon West District) together with witnesses, acting on tip-off, raided the house of Aung Tun Thein, 41 in Ward 2 of Lanmadaw Township on 29 November night.

They seized 677 stimulant tablets with WY and R brands from the charcoal bag in the kitchen, 6 tablets between washing machine and brick wall and 590 tablets from the bathroom, totalling 1273 worth K 6.365 million, 0.1 gram of heroin worth K 10000 from the refrigerator from the bedroom, one agreement of hiring the apartment and one mobile phone from the house.

Lanmadaw Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Aung Tun Thein under Sections 15/19(a) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho)

14883.21 acres of poppy plantation destroyed in 2013-2014 season

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—Poppy plantations are under the searching in poppy cultivation season in 2013.

From 1 to 30 October 2013, the authorities destroyed 1164.50 acres of poppy plantation in Hsihseng Township of Shan State, 1052 acres in Hopong Township, 4259 acres in Pinlaung Township, 4818 acres in Pekhon Township, 26 acres in Kyauktalon Township, 52.65 acres in Kalaw Township, 245 acres in Panglong Township, 453 acres in Loilem Township, 6.75 acres in Nyaungshwe Township, 195 acres in Maukmai Township, 5 acres in Mongpan Township, 32 acres in Monesi Township, 10 acres in Mantung Township, 5.55 acres in Monghsat Township, 7 acres in Loikaw Township of Kayah State, 17.81 acres in Dimawhso Township and 45.50 acres in Pruhso Township, totalling 12394.76 acres.

They could destroy 14883.21 acres of poppy plantation in 2013-14.—*Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho)*

Japan gov't urged to improve information provision on TPP talks

TOKYO, 4 Dec — An academic group has urged the Japanese government to improve its provision of information on the ongoing Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade talks to prevent any unrest or misunderstanding based on inaccurate information or rumors.

The government should provide specific explanations to allow people to better understand the TPP agreement and its relationship with existing bilateral free trade pacts, said the International Economic Cooperation Agreements Study Group of the Society of Global Business.

In a proposal released before the 12 countries negotiating the TPP pact hold a ministerial meeting in Singapore from Sunday, the group also asked the government to cut costs for consumers through the TPP talks and reform agriculture as a sector with high growth potential.

The group called on the TPP negotiation participants to effectively implement their agreement at the previous ministerial meeting in October to prepare a single tariff schedule and common rules of origin to help integrate the regional market.—*Kyodo News*

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang (L) and British Prime Minister David Cameron visit the National Museum of China, Beijing, capital of China, on 2 Dec, 2013. XINHUA

Photo shows a calendar made of 10 kilograms of gold in Tokyo's Ginza shopping district on 3 Dec, 2013, which Tanaka Kikinzoku Jewelry KK began selling priced at 100 million yen the same day. KYODO NEWS

Indonesia urges delegates to use political will to end WTO impasse

BALI, 4 Dec—Indonesian Trade Minister Gita Wirjawan asked officials of World Trade Organization (WTO) member countries attending the ninth WTO ministerial conference on Wednesday to use political will to end the negotiation impasse, paving the way for the future of the Doha Round.

"It does not require mastery or technical issues but rather political will to cross the finish line," Gita, who chairs the conference, said in his turn to speak at the plenary session held in Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center (BNDCC) here.

"Talks hang like an albatross around our necks but I don't believe it's time to give up. We have a package of outcomes that will benefit the least developed countries," the minister added.

The plenary session gave opportunities for ministers representing regions and states to speak about issues such as trade facilitation, agriculture and development.

Among those spoke in the event were ministers and senior officials from India, Brazil, EU, China, Russia and the United Kingdom.

The WTO started its ninth ministerial conference on Tuesday afternoon in the Indonesian resort island of Bali, struggling to revive the long-stalled Doha Round by reaching a possible trade deal at the four-day meeting.

Trade chiefs of the WTO's 159 members is working to break trade impasses and finalize a package of global trade agreements that mainly cover trade facilitation, development and agriculture, in a bid to pave the way for future completion of the Doha Round.

Xinhua

Cambodia, Vietnam to complete overland border demarcation by 2015

PHNOM PENH, 4 Dec—Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Thien Nhan said on Tuesday that the country will expedite overland boundary demarcation with Cambodia and expects to fully complete the process by 2015.

Speaking at a meeting with Cambodian Parliament Chief Heng Samrin, Nhan said that so far, the two countries have completed about 75 percent of the border demarcation.

"Vietnam is committed to building a border of peace, friendship, cooperation and development with Cambodia," said Nhan, who is also President of the Vietnam Fatherland Front Central Committee.

For his part, Heng Samrin said a clear border line would lay the foundation for building peace, stability, cooperation, and development along border provinces.

He highly spoke of good relations and cooperation between the two neighbors in all fields of cooperation.

Cambodia shares 1,270 km of border with Vietnam to the east.

Xinhua

Magnitude 5.7 earthquake hits S Philippines

MANILA, 4 Dec — An earthquake measuring 5.7 on the Richter scale hit Mati, capital of Davao Oriental in southern Philippines at 7:58 am local time Wednesday, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said.

No casualties and losses have been reported so far.

The epicenter of the quake was initially determined to be 57 km southeast of Mati city in Davao Oriental, with a depth of 52 km, the institute said.

People in Mati and Davao city were panic as they felt strong shaking and saw cracks on wall.

Xinhua

The Nanjing Road Pedestrian Walkway is often full of shoppers, for its entire one kilometer length. —XINHUA

30 parties elected in Nepal's new Constituent Assembly

KATHMANDU, 4 Dec—Thirty political parties have been elected in Nepal's 19 November Constituent Assembly (CA) which is expected to draft a new constitution within a year, the Election Commission (EC) said on Wednesday.

In the direct election held for 240 constituencies, just a dozen parties were elected but 30 parties have been elected on the basis of votes they secured under the proportional representation (PR) system.

The first meeting of CA will held after the 21 days after the EC prepares a final list of members of CA after the parties provide a name list of leaders.

The UCPN (Maoist) along with other fringe parties, however, did not attend an all-party meeting called by EC to inform about the final election result.

They are demanding to investigate electoral fraud forming an independent panel.

The UCPN (Maoist) which became largest party in 2008 election became the third largest party held in 19 November Constituent Assembly (CA) elections.

Under the proportional, Nepali Congress, a centrist party which has emerged as a largest party bagged 91 seats closely followed by CPN-UML, a moderate communist party of Nepal which is committed to parliamentary system. The UCPN (Maoist) just bagged 54 seats.

Xinhua

Philippine gov't hails improvement in corruption perceptions ranking

MANILA, 4 Dec — The Philippine government on Tuesday hailed the improvement in the country's ranking in Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index for 2013.

Despite a pork barrel scandal involving lawmakers, the Philippines' improved its rank to 94th from 105th last year, according to the survey released on Tuesday. In 2012, the country' s rank also jumped by 24 notches.

"This year's improvement continues a trend in which the reforms put in place result in an increasingly positive and encouraging perception of the country," Presidential spokesman Edwin Lacierda said in a statement.

Lacierda said the improvement in the Philippines' ranking is also a reflection of the continued confidence of the international community in the country.

Xinhua

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV DREAM DIVA VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5-12.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Soldiers clear the way for Democratic Republic of Congo's President Joseph Kabila (not pictured) as he makes his way through a street in Goma, a town in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, on 30 Nov, 2013.—Reuters

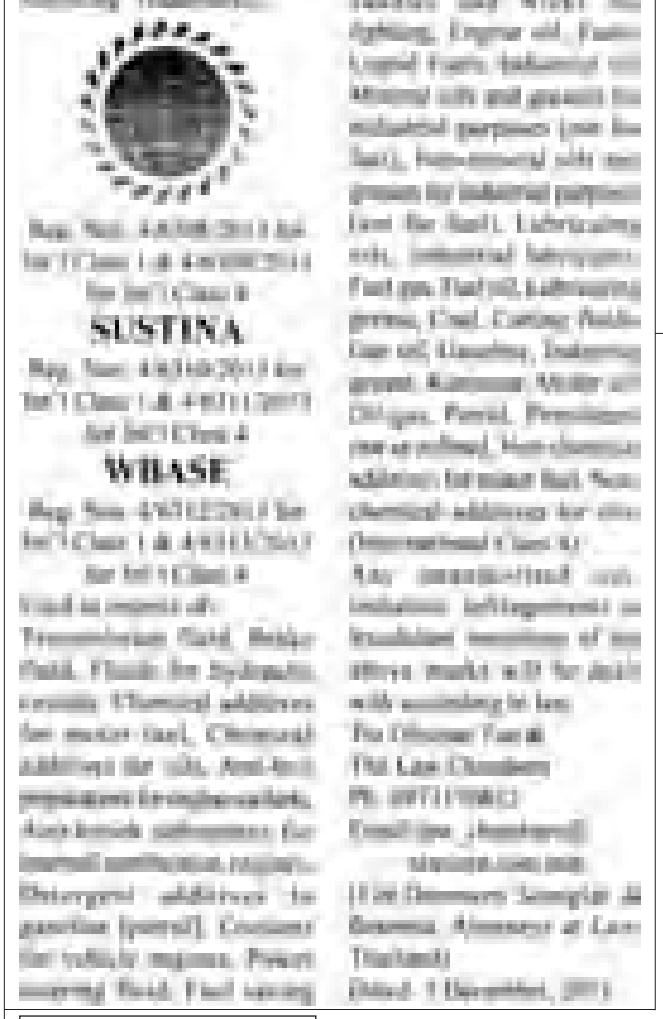
27 militants killed in Afghan forces operations within day

KABUL, 4 Dec — Twenty-seven Taleban militants were killed in military operations conducted by Afghan security forces since early Tuesday, the country's Interior Ministry said on Wednesday morning.

"Afghan National Police (ANP) supported by the army and National Directorate for Security (NDS) conducted several anti- terrorism operations in Kabul, Laghman, Kandahar, Zabul and Helmand Provinces over the past 24 hours. A total of 27 armed Taleban members were killed, six wounded and four others were arrested," the ministry said in a statement providing daily operational updates.

They also found and seized weapons, the statement said, without saying if there were any casualties on the side of security forces.

The Taleban insurgent group has not made comments so far. Afghan army and police took the full operational lead in security operations from foreign troops in June this year.—*Xinhua*



The Lebanese army and security forces take security measures on a road in northern restive city of Tripoli, Lebanon, on 3 Dec, 2013. The Lebanese government has granted the army a free hand to take measures to contain clashes and maintain security in Tripoli for the next six months. —Xinhua

Good talk saves the food

Congo's President in Uganda for talks on stalled peace deal

KAMPALA, 4 Dec —The Democratic Republic of Congo's President, Joseph Kabila, flew into Uganda on Monday for talks aimed at reviving a peace deal between his government and rebel fighters, a Ugandan official said.

Kinshasa and the M23 rebels failed to seal a deal last month after wrangling over what it should be called — the rebels were ready to sign a peace agreement, but Congo's negotiators wanted to call it a declaration reflecting the rebels' defeat.

"I think (Kabila) wants to breathe new life into the process ... Uganda would implore DRC to sign this agreement with the rebels," Uganda government spokesman, Ofwono Opondo, told *Reuters*.

M23 are the latest incarnation of Tutsi-led insurgents who have fought Congo's government in eastern regions near the border with Uganda and Rwanda for years, amid unrest fuelled by ethnicity, local politics and competition over land and mineral wealth.

When November's deal was called off at the eleventh hour, Congo blamed mediator Uganda, accusing it of supporting the rebels.

The Kinshasa government's accusations against neighbouring Uganda and its failure to conclude a political deal highlight the deep-rooted regional tensions that are complicating efforts to end Congo's most serious rebellion in a decade.—*Reuters*

Moscow metro on fire as result of short circuit

MOSCOW, 4 Dec — A fire broke out between two metro stations in Moscow on Wednesday morning, causing no injuries, emergency authorities said.

The fire was caused by a short circuit in the tunnel between the Tulskaya and Serpukhovskaya stations of the Moscow gray line, the Emergency Situations Ministry told local media.

Thick smoke appeared in the hall and underground passage of the Serpukhovskaya station, which was temporarily closed following the incident.

Xinhua

France to allocate 50 mln euros by 2019 to improve int'l cooperation on health

PARIS, 4 Dec — France is planning to devote 10 million euros (about 13.54 million US dollars) on a yearly basis by 2019 to improve health systems and promote prevention via a five year-agreement with the World Health Organization (WHO), French Foreign Affairs Ministry said on Monday.

According to a Quai d'Orsay statement, the new accord was aimed at strengthening Paris and the WHO cooperation in health safety, prevention of risk factors and improvement of health systems.

For the 2014-2019 period, Paris will allocate up to 10 million euros per year, to finance WHO projects in order to improve prevention and response to epidemic emergencies and to fight against maternal and child mortality in developing countries, the ministry added. France and WHO also agreed to strengthen exchanges of expertise in health and joint efforts to face global health challenges.—*Xinhua*

Turkish police seize large amount of smuggled cigarettes

ANKARA, 4 Dec — Turkish police seized 150,000 packs of cigarettes from a truck in northwestern Turkey on Sunday night, local *Today's Zaman* reported on Monday.

Acting on a tip-off, the Turkish police followed the truck with a foreign plate after it left southeastern Turkey for the largest city of Istanbul, according to the report.

The police stopped and searched the truck at the Duzce D-100 highway in Duzce Province, discovering boxes of cigarettes placed between bottles filled with unidentified chemical substances, said the report.

The police detained the driver and an investigation was underway.—*Xinhua*

ENTERTAINMENT

Two boys look through the fence surrounding the childhood home of singer Michael Jackson in Gary, Indiana, on 23 Oct, 2013.—Reuters

Michael Jackson's family to seek new trial in wrongful death lawsuit

Los Angeles, 4 Dec— The family of late singer Michael Jackson has filed court documents indicating they plan to seek a new trial in a wrongful death lawsuit against concert promoter AEG, after a Los Angeles jury cleared the company of liability in October.

Attorneys for Jackson's mother Katherine, 83, and his three children filed court documents in citing misconduct of the jury and insufficient evidence among the reasons for the pending request for a new trial.

The two-page court filing, which was submitted on Monday in Los Angeles County Superior Court, also cited newly discovered evidence but did not go into detail.

Katherine Jackson and the singer's three children Prince Michael, Paris and Blanket, sued AEG Live over Jackson's 2009 death at age 50 in Los Angeles from an overdose of the powerful anesthetic propofol given to the pop star by his then doctor, Conrad Murray.

The wrongful death lawsuit claimed the concert promoter had acted negligently by hiring Murray as Jackson's personal physician, but a jury concluded Murray was sufficiently qualified for his job.

The verdict came after a sensational five-month trial that offered a glimpse into the private life and final days of the 'King of Pop.'

At the time, her attorneys promised to consider "all options" in response to the verdict.

Murray was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in 2011 for Jackson's death and served half of his four-year sentence in a Los Angeles prison. He was released in October under a California state plan to reduce prison overcrowding.

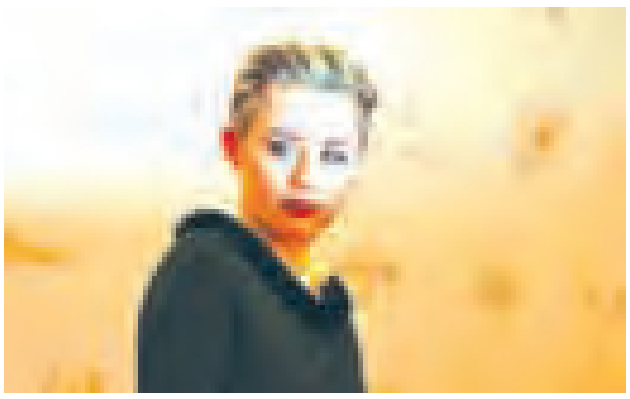
Reuters

Miley Cyrus, Arias murder trial top Yahoo's 2013 searches

Los Angeles, 4 Dec — Pop singer Miley Cyrus and the trial of boyfriend-killer Jodi Arias dominated Yahoo's online searches in 2013, the web search engine said on Tuesday, while rapper-producer duo Macklemore & Ryan Lewis dominated music streams on Spotify.

Cyrus, 21, generated the most overall searches on Yahoo this year, overtaking reality television personality Kim Kardashian, who topped the list last year.

Cyrus has had an attention-filled 2013, in which she grabbed headlines for her breakup with actor-fiance Liam Hemsworth, danced provocatively on stage at the MTV Video Music Awards in August, and released her new album "Bangerz" in October.



US singer singer Miley Cyrus arrives on the red carpet for the Bambi 2013 media awards ceremony in Berlin on 14 Nov, 2013.—Reuters

The murder trial of 33-year-old Arias, who was found guilty in May of killing her boyfriend Travis Alexander at his Phoenix-area home, captivated the public over five months with bizarre testimony and graphic sexual evidence, helping it become the most searched news item on Yahoo.

Arias' trial was followed on Yahoo by the Affordable Care Act and its common name "Obamacare," which were counted as one search term, as the second most-searched news story, while the Boston Marathon bombing in April came in third.

President Barack Obama was the top-searched political figure, topping ailing Nelson Mandela, the former South African president, at No. 2, and former Alaska governor and Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin at No. 3.

While Cyrus topped Yahoo's overall searches, R&B singer Beyonce topped Microsoft's Bing search engine as the most-searched person, while Kardashian's first child, daughter North West she had with rapper Kanye West, topped Ask.com's top celebrity search terms.—*Reuters*

French-born film artist Prouvost wins 2013 Turner Prize

Londonderry, 4 Dec— French-born film installation artist Laure Prouvost won Britain's prestigious Turner Prize on Monday for a short film clip that in part tells the story of a fictional grandfather digging a hole to Africa and disappearing down it.

An emotional and surprised Prouvost, who lives and works in London, told a crowd of hundreds at the awards ceremony: "I didn't expect this at all ... I was sure it was not me."

After presenting the award, the Oscar-nominated Irish actress Saoirse Ronan brought Prouvost's baby onto the stage to a chorus of "aahs" from the audience.

French-born film installation artist Laure Prouvost (R) embraces Irish actress Saoirse Ronan after Ronan awarded Prouvost with this year's Turner Prize, in Londonderry, Northern Ireland on 2 Dec, 2013.—Reuters

The ceremony was held in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, the first time the prize has been awarded outside England. Prouvost told reporters she felt Britain was her "adopted" home because "this is the country that let me grow".—*Reuters*

Bruce Lee's shrunken yellow jumpsuit goes under the hammer

Hong Kong, 4 Dec — Late kung fu star Bruce Lee's iconic yellow jumpsuit and matching nunchucks that were immortalized in his final fight scenes will go under the hammer at an auction in Hong Kong on Thursday, 40 years after his death.

Fans will also get the chance to bid for 12 other personal items at the auction, which is expected to fetch a total of HK$1 million to HK$1.5 million (US$129,000 to US$193,000).

The jumpsuit, which features black stripes down the sides, is one of the two Lee wore in "The Game of Death", a movie released in 1978, five years after his death at 32, using earlier fight footage.

Anna Lee, vice chairman of Chinese auction house Spink, poses with nunchaku and a jumpsuit, both used by the late kungfu superstar Bruce Lee in his last movie "Game of Death", as part of the Bruce Lee 40th anniversary collection, at a news conference in Hong Kong on 2 Dec, 2013.—Reuters

Lee designed the one-piece suit himself. The flexible, handmade costume was meant to reflect the malleable nature of his own hybrid martial art, Jeet Kune Do, which is not fixed to any traditional martial arts philosophy.

A total of four such jumpsuits are believed to exist, including two that were worn only by stuntmen.

Despite a broken zipper dangling at the back and some shrinkage over the years from the wash, the auction house Spink China expects it to fetch anything from HK$250,000 to HK$300,000 (US$32,000 to US$39,000) due to its rarity.

"I do believe this is the least worn (of the two jumpsuits) because of the condition - it's still pretty good," said Anna Lee, vice chairperson of Spink China.

She is not related to Bruce Lee.

A few other items featured in the auction showed the late kungfu master's artistic flair.

Reuters

Actor Robert Redford attends a news conference for the film "All is Lost'' during the 66th Cannes Film Festival in Cannes on 22 May, 2013.—Reuters

New York critics name 'American Hustle' best film of year

New York, 4 Dec— The New York Film Critics Circle named "American Hustle," a film about 1970s con artists forced to work with the FBI, as best film of 2013 on Tuesday and gave its top acting prizes to Robert Redford and Cate Blanchett in the first major movie honors in the run-up to the Oscars.

British director Steve McQueen won the best director prize for "12 Years a Slave," the historical drama about a free black man sold into slavery and based on the 1853 memoir of Solomon Northup.

Tuesday's awards pit director David O. Russell's "American Hustle," which will be released in US theaters later this month, and "12 Year a Slave," the winner of the top prize at this year's Toronto International Film Festival, as early contenders in the race for the Academy Awards.

Reuters

SPORTS

Wenger says rotation vital for Arsenal's title bid

*Arsenal's manager Arsene Wenger attends a team training session at their training ground in London Colney, north of London, on 25 Nov, 2013.—*Reuters

London, 4 Dec — Rotating the squad will be vital if Arsenal are to maintain the pace at the top of the Premier League as the most hectic part of the season looms, manager Arsene Wenger said on Tuesday.

A superb start to the season has lifted Arsenal four points clear after 13 matches but they face seven games in 25 days in December, beginning at home to Hull City on Wednesday.

Right back Bacary Sagna will miss the game with a hamstring injury, meaning a rare start for Carl Jenkinson, and Wenger knows the depth of his squad will be tested in the coming weeks.

"I rotate considering the level of fatigue," Wenger told a news conference. "We have some indications—my eyes, some objective data and as well some positions where it's more demanding on the physical front than others."

"We have so many games that in some positions I will have to change; the full back position is one that is very demanding. Central defence is a little bit less demanding on the physical side, it's more on the concentration side."

"When you play so many games of that intensity, we expect to lose one or two players. In every single game I will rotate. I try to limit the number because I do not want to disrupt the balance of the team, so I do that in every single game."

With striker Olivier Giroud and midfielder Aaron Ramsey having scored 15 league goals between them this season, Wenger said he is not in a hurry to add to his forward options in the January transfer window. "I am not concerned about that," he said.

"We have at the moment Yaya Sanogo who is a striker we brought in during the summer, who is coming back from injury. Hopefully, he will help us in the second part of the season."—*Reuters*

Juventus fined after rowdy children insult keeper

Turin, 4 Dec — Juventus were fined on Tuesday after a decision to allow schoolchildren to use seats usually occupied by hardcore fans banned for discriminatory chanting backfired spectacularly.

The Serie A club let 12,200 children sit at both ends of their stadium for Sunday's match against Udinese but the rowdy kids behaved little better than the ultras and Juve were fined 5,000 euros (4,140 pounds) after they shouted abuse at Udinese keeper Zeljko Brkic every time he took a goal kick.

"Juventus were fined after their (very, very young) supporters repeatedly aimed an insulting chant at a player from the opposing team," Serie A's disciplinary panel said in a statement. The children were copying a popular ritual in Italian stadiums where the visiting goalkeeper is insulted whenever he takes a goal kick.

"I wanted to say something right after the game because it bothered me but I didn't want to put any oil on the fire and I decided to stay quiet," Udinese coach Francesco Guidolin told Italian media.

"For a club such as Juventus where everything is beautiful, in particular where the stadium gives you the idea that you are not in Italy, it is really troublesome to hear those words every time the goalkeeper puts the ball into play."

Reuters

*Udinese's goalkeeper Zeljko Brkic (L) makes a save on Juventus' Stephan Lichtsteiner during their Italian Serie A soccer match at Juventus stadium in Turin on 1 Dec, 2013.—*Reuters

Shot-shy Chamakh heads Palace to win on Pulis home debut

*Crystal Palace's Marouane Chamakh (L) scores a goal against West Ham during their English Premier League soccer match at Selhurst Park in London on 3 Dec, 2013.—*Retuers

London, 4 Dec — Crystal Palace striker Marouane Chamakh ended an 11-game barren streak to help them beat fellow Premier League strugglers West Ham United 1-0 in manager Tony Pulis's home debut on Tuesday.

Chamakh had not found the net since Palace lost to Stoke City on August 24 and had mustered only three shots on goal in 886 minutes of league football this season, but his glancing header in the first half proved decisive at Selhurst Park.

Former Stoke boss Pulis, who lost his first game in charge at Norwich City on Saturday, has never been relegated in 21 years as a coach and will have relished seeing his new charges claw themselves off the foot of the table.

Palace moved above Sunderland, who play on Wednesday, to 19th on 10 points, three points behind 15th-placed West Ham, who bossed possession and had a Stewart Downing effort harshly disallowed in the second half for a foul in the build-up.

"I was pleased with the result, but as a performance we can do a lot better," Pulis told BT Sport.—*Reuters*

Kompany set for Man City return

London, 4 Dec — Manchester City captain Vincent Kompany is available again after two months out due to injury, manager Manuel Pellegrini said on Tuesday.

The Belgium defender is in the squad for Wednesday's Premier League trip to West Bromwich Albion after recovering from a thigh strain that has sidelined him since the 3-1 win over Everton on 5 October.

"Kompany is in the squad and will travel with the team," Pellegrini told a news conference. "I think Vincent is a very important player. He is a very good defender and of course we need him."

City have not fared too badly in Kompany's absence. In the 10 games in all competitions since, they have won seven and drawn one.

In the league they have recorded three clean sheets in the last four games, culminating in a 3-0 victory over Swansea City on Sunday which lifted them to third in the table.—*Reuters*

*Belgium's singer Stromae (L) talks with player Vincent Kompany during a 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match between Belgium and Wales at King Baudouin stadium in Brussels on 15 Oct, 2013.—*Reuters

No time for forward looking Spieth to reflect on past glory

Thousand Oaks, 4 Dec — Jordan Spieth has a great deal of success to reflect upon after delivering a sensational debut season on the 2013 PGA Tour but he would far rather look ahead as he bids to become an even better player.

The remarkably composed, 20-year-old American was taught by his father to improve himself at something on a month-by-month basis and he is using that lesson as a template in his rapidly burgeoning golf career.

"Each year, I think going back to when I was 12 years old, I've improved as a golfer," Spieth told reporters on a sun-drenched Tuesday at Sherwood Country Club while preparing for this week's Northwestern Mutual World Challenge.

"A big thing for my dad was to say, 'Just try to look back at each month and see if you got a little better each month at something.' This year a big focus of mine is on the majors.

"Now I'm able to be in all four of them and pick my schedule leading up to them to have the best success I can there versus not even knowing I was going to be in a couple of them."

Spieth, who won the John Deere Classic in July before ending a golden 2013 campaign by being voted the PGA Tour's Rookie of the Year, says his main aim is to go into the majors well rested with a better game plan.—*Reuters*

US team member Jordan Spieth tees off the first hole against Graham DeLaet of Canada during the Singles matches for the 2013 Presidents Cup golf tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio on 6 Oct, 2013. **Reuters**

GENERAL

Hulkenberg joins Force India for 2014

LONDON, 4 Dec — German Nico Hulkenberg will drive for Force India next season, the British-based Formula One team said on Tuesday.

Hulkenberg, 26, drove for Force India in 2012 having been a test driver there the previous year.

"I am happy to come back to Sahara Force India. The team is aiming high for next year and I believe that the experience I have gained over the years will help us achieve those goals," Hulkenberg, who finished 10th this season with Sauber, said in a statement.

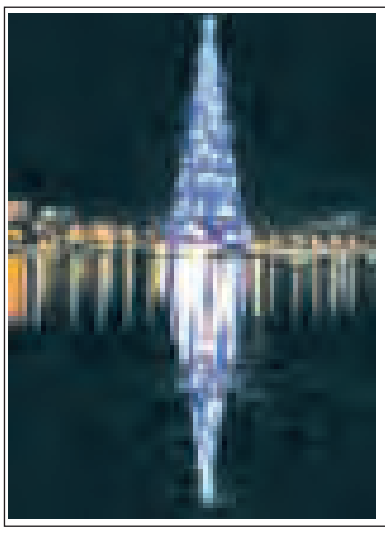
Team principal and managing director Vijay Mallya said the signing of one of the sport's brightest talents would help the team build on their sixth place in the constructors' championship in 2013.

"When he drove for us in 2012 it became clear Nico was an exceptional talent and he has continued to impress everyone in the paddock with his strong performances this season," Mallya said.

"Having Nico in our line-up is a real statement of intent and a huge boost for everyone associated with the team. "We have high hopes and expectations for 2014 and by signing Nico we have put ourselves in the best position to achieve those objectives and enjoy what could be our most competitive season yet." Adrian Sutil and Paul Di Resta were Force India's drivers this season and the team said they would announce their full driver line-up for 2014 in due course.

Reuters

Nico Hulkenberg of Germany looks on before the first practice session of the Austin F1 Grand Prix at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin on 15 Nov, 2013.
REUTERS



A giant Christmas tree is seen on the lake of Rodrigo de Freitas in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 1 Dec, 2013. The giant tree, which is 85 meters tall and installed with about 3.1 million micro light bulbs, is lit every year before Christmas. The theme of the tree this year is "A celebration of life."
XINHUA

New book about Mandela unveiled in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 4 Dec — The new book detailing the anti-apartheid icon Nelson Mandela's life was released here in South Africa on Tuesday.

"His spirit is very, very strong, even if Mandela is sick on his bed," said Mandela's daughter Makaziwe Mandela while addressing the Mandela opus launching ceremony in Johannesburg.

"The story of his life has to be repeated and told over and over again," she added.

Praising the "exceptional" book at the ceremony, Mandela's grandson Ndaba Mandela said, "It is quite really something prestigious, something very well crafted."

The book chronicles the life and times of Mandela.

Approximately 50 percent of the book was said to be what has never been seen before.

Many dignities attended the launching ceremony in Johannesburg, including Mandela's wife Graca Machel and Minister of Public Service and Administration Lindiwe Sisulu.

Giving the keynote speech, Sisulu pledged that the government will make history compulsory in all schools so that "children always understand who we are and what we have been through."

Mandela became the first democratically-elected president in 1994 as the apartheid ended, having an honor of the state father in South Africa.

The 95-year-old former president is still fighting his recurring lung infection at his home in Johannesburg after being discharged from hospital in Pretoria on 1 Septemter.—*Xinhua*

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Maradona invited to Colombian "Match for Peace" in Cuba

HAVANA, 4 Dec — Diego Maradona has been invited by Colombia's FARC to play for their team in a soccer "Game for Peace" during talks in Cuba between the rebels and the Colombian government looking to settle a decades-old conflict.

The match involving a team of retired soccer players is being organised by former Colombia captain Carlos Valderrama, who invited former Argentina great Maradona, a friend of Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

The idea for the game was to gain international exposure for the talks between the government of Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) that have been going on in Cuba for more than a year.

"We're preparing physically, athletically," Ivan Marquez, head of the FARC negotiators, told reporters on Monday. "We're training to play this crucial game here in Havana."

Marquez, pictured at the weekend with fellow FARC members wearing soccer kit, asked Maradona "to join us, come and play with us so we can try at last to reach a peace that has dodged us for decades."

The conflict between the FARC and successive Colombian governments has been going on for nearly half a century and claimed more than 200,000 lives.

Former Argentina captain and coach Maradona currently works as a sports ambassador for the United Arab Emirates.—*Reuters*

Retired Argentine soccer player Diego Maradona gestures during a news conference in Sao Paulo on 4 Sept, 2013.
REUTERS

Over 15,000 people need urgent humanitarian aid in Niger's flood-hit areas

UNITED NATIONS, 4 Dec — More than 15,000 people are in urgent need of humanitarian aid in southeast Niger after a surging river flooded local communities, the UN humanitarian agency said on Tuesday. "Niger's government is leading an emergency relief operation, with the support of UN agencies and other humanitarian partners," UN spokesman Martin Nesirky quoted the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) as saying. "More than 90 tonnes of food have already been distributed." The need for humanitarian aid became more urgent in southeast Niger after the Komadougou River, which most of the year was practically dried out, burst its banks and flooded their communities in mid-November.

The government had also identified sites to relocate the affected populations.

"Meanwhile, the flooding continues and at least 20 more villages are at risk," said OCHA spokesman Jens Laerke, adding that the farmland is still submerged by water, triggering concern over the long-term food security situation. Floods have affected transport systems and paralyzed local trade, an important source of income for people living along the border with Nigeria, Laerke said, noting that the flooding had significantly pushed up food prices, with the price of a 100 kg bag of flour going up by 30 percent.—*Xinhua*

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Students to be nurtured to keep abreast of international education standards

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—"Teachers, on their part, are to put collaborative efforts in the task of improving education standards of the country, nurturing students to be qualified ones and enabling them to keep abreast of international standards while the government is attending to the needs of teachers as much as it can. It is required to improve the quality of teachers and students in the rapid changing world. The government will prioritize infrastructural development in education sector," said Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham during his visit to Lashio University today.

Next, the Vice-President visited Lashio Institute of Education and heard reports on preparations for opening of the school. The Shan State chief minister and Deputy Education Minister Dr Zaw Min Aung made supplementary reports at the meeting. Lashio Institute of Education located on Lashio-Namtu road near Namtpachi ward aims to turn out teachers equipped with sense of responsibility for ensuring a new era of education. It is planned to open the teachership diploma course (18/2013) with 214 trainees for 2013-2014 academic year.

Then, he inspected the progress of construction works in a motorcade and visited a site chosen for setting up of the cultural ground near Namtu junction.

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***Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham meets members of Shan literature and cultural association.*—MNA**

Myanmar Chinlone secures first two gold medals in 27th SEA Games

Myanmar men's and women's Chinlone teams seen with broad smile after securing first two gold medals in 27th SEA Games.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—First two gold medals of the 27th SEA Games went to the Myanmar men's and women's Chinlone teams at Nay Pyi Taw Wunna Theikdhi Indoor Stadium (B) today. Patron of the Leading Committee for organizing the XXVII SEA Games Vice-President U Nyan Tun enjoyed the Myanmar-Thai men's Chinlone final event.

The opening ceremony of Myanmar Chinlone event was held at 9 am the indoor stadium. The President of Myanmar Chinlone Federation explained the facts about the event.

Event Organizing Committee Chairman Deputy Minister U Zaw Win and Chairman of the Asian Sepak Takraw Federation Dato Haji Abdul Halim Bin Kader extended the greetings.

Leading Committee Chairman Union Minister U Tint Hsan and the Chairman of the Asian Sepak Takraw Federation presented the awards to Myanmar women's Chinlone team (first), Thailand (second) and Cambodia (third) and Malaysia (joint bronze medalist).

Later, Union Minister U Thein Nyunt and the President of Myanmar Chinlone Federation also awarded Myanmar men's Chinlone team (first), Thailand (second) and Laos (third) and Malaysia (joint bronze prize).

Myanmar men's Chinlone team stood first with 636 points, followed by

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Foreign Affairs Ministry launches notary services delivery in Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Dec—Ministry of Foreign Affairs will extend its notary services for the convenience of people in Yangon, at the ministry (Yangon) as of 9 December, according the ministry.

The documents such as degree, diplomas, other certificates, census, Citizenship Scrutiny Cards, marriage certificate, driving license and affidavit need to be notarized by a registered Notary Public of the Supreme Court of the Union and subsequently endorsed by the Ministry. Applications can be submitted at the above-mentioned venue between 9 am and 12 noon. Then, the ministry will issue the certificates at 3 pm on the same day.

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Audience give Myanmar women's Chinlone teams applause.

PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE-NLM