Japan to grant 63.2 billion ¥ for projects

YANGON, 15 Dec—Gold medal went to weightlifter Pitaya Thib of Thailand in men’s 85 kilo after breaking three old records in men’s weightlifting events of the SEA Games. Tan Hoang Tai from Vietnam got silver medal and Suchat Somboon from Indonesia, bronze medal. (See page 7)

Sein then explained points of information and the development of trade and investment between the two countries thanks to the BIA.

Besides, the President expressed thank for Japan’s Sports wear design and donation of Suzuki motorbikes for the athletes of Myanmar in the 27th SEA Games by Japan.—MNA

Yachting event kicks off at Ngwehsaung Beach

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By Ye Myint

(NLM)

fell to a 2-6 loss against Singaporean archer while Zaw Win Htai and Nay Myo Aung were also unable to defeat their rivals. Although hope still high and archers have set an ambitious targets for gold in remaining mix-team and team events, Myanmar archery’s hope for first gold lies in compound individual finalist Aung Ngeain. (See page 8)
Sacred Buddha tooth relic conveyed to Hsipaw and other towns

Hsipaw, 15 Dec—The 10th conveyance of sacred Buddha tooth relic started from Aungmingala Bodaw Monastery in Hsipaw of Shan State (North) on 12 December.

The tooth relic was conveyed by Konbaung Sawbwa Sao Kya Khang from Sri Lanka 121 years ago.

Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding Nayaka of Aungmingala Bodaw Monastery Bhaddanta Milinda, Deputy Township Administrator U Myint Maung Maung, and Secretary of the Conveyance Committee U Mya Than handed over the tooth relic to Chairman of the Conveyance Committee U Sai San Tin and party on board the decorated float.

The sacred tooth relic was conveyed along Mandalay-Lashio Highway from the monastery to the monasteries in Myohaung, Sutlan, Namoum and Kontha villages for public obeisance.

After that, the conveyance team proceeded to Lashio.

MMAL-Sai (Hsipaw)

Chick pea sown with tractor in ChaungU

CHAUNGU, 15 Dec—The demonstration on sowing chick pea was held in Tawkyaunglay Village of ChaungU Township in Monywa District of Sagaing Region with the use of New Holland sowing tractor of Agricultural Mechanization Department on 11 December.

It was attended by Chairman of Township Management Committee Township Administrator U Hla Thein, Staff Officer U Tun Tun Win of Township Settlement and Land Records Department, staff, Staff Officer U Yan Paing Soe of Township Agricultural Mechanization Department, staff and local people.

The demonstration was held in the farmland of U Kyaw Win.

He said he thanked the departmental personnel for sowing the seeds with the use of machinery in a short time without waste.

MMAL-TownshipIPRD

Health knowledge disseminated in medicine.

KANPETLET, 15 Dec—Kanpetlet Township Traditional Medicine Department of Chin State held a talk on health knowledge to the local people at the hall of Border Region National Races Development Training School in the town on 10 December morning.

Head of Township Traditional Medicine Department Daw Wutyi Win explained facts about the traditional medicine, seasonal diseases and best potent Myanmar traditional medicines.

Next, she gave health care to 108 students.

MMAL-TownshipIPRD

Public health worker course concludes

MOHINYN, 15 Dec—With the assistance of GAVUSSH, the Mohinyn District Health Department of Kachin State conducted the public health workers course.

On 10 December, the training course concluded at the hall of the District Hospital.

Monywa, 15 Dec—A ceremony to present animal health and livestock medicine was held at Bandoola Hall of Budalin in Monywa District on 9 December morning.

Chairman of Township Management Committee U Aung Kyaw Naing made a speech.

Head of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Aye Aye Tun made a speech.

On the occasion, Deputy Township Administrator U Aung Kyaw Moe, Head of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Aung Kyaw Naing made a speech.

The medical superintendent of the District Hospital gave prize to outstanding trainee Ma Wai Zin Soe of Kardu Village.

On behalf of the winner spoke words of thanks.

MMAL-TownshipIPRD

Livestock Breeding Work Group formed in Thongwa

YANGON, 15 Dec—Under the supervision of Thongwa Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of Yangon South District, livestock breeders, feedstuff shop owners and those interested in livestock breeding held a meeting to form the Thongwa Township Livestock Breeding Work Committee in Ward 9 of the town on 12 December.

It was attended by Deputy Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi Saw, Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Aung Kyaw Moe, Head of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Aung Kyaw Naing, Head of Region Livestock Breeding Federation U Than Tun, Head of Thongwa Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Myint Thein, Deputy Governor of Yangon Region Dr Aung Moe Myint, Deputy Governor of Yangon Region Dr Aung Soe Paing and officials.

They formed the work committee with U San Aung as chairman together with 11 executives.

MMAL-koKyaw (Thongwa)

Uncut jade stones seized

LASHIO, 15 Dec—A squad of Shan State General Administration Department searched a Mart II car driven by Aung Ko Win, 34 of Ward 1 in Mandalay together with Aung Kyaw Naing as chairman of the winery.

Next, Medical Superintendant Dr Win reported on matters related to the 100-bed hospital.

The Chief Minister accepted cash donations from wellwishers and returned certificates to them. A town’s elder spoke words of thanks.

Next, the Chief Minister and party attended the ceremony to launch the raising of reading habit at No 1 Basic Education High School in YeU.

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Head of Township Health Department Dr Aye Aye Tun reported on matters related to the 100-bed hospital.

The Chief Minister unveiled the signboard of the ceremony. After that, the prize presentation for the reading habit contest, media equipment donation and literary talk followed.

The Chief Minister presented prizes to the winners in the contests.

The head of Region IPRD and staff officers of District IPRDs accepted the media equipment on the occasion.

Later, writers Chit Naing (Psychology) and Myinmun Naung Moe gave literary talks.

MMAL-Region IPRD

Hospital upgraded, reading habit risen

Monywa, 15 Dec—A ceremony to upgrade YeU Township Hospital (50-bed) to the 100-bed facility was held at the hospital recently.

Sagaing Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein, Region Hluttaw representative U Nyo Win and Head of Region Health Department Dr Tun Maung Aye formally opened the upgraded hospital.

Chief Minister of Region U Tha Aye unveiled the signboard of the hospital and sprinkled scented water on the stone inscription.

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Region Minister for Transport U Aung Zaw Oo, Region Hluttaw representative U Soe Tint Aung, Head of Region Information and Public Relations Department Daw Khin San formally opened the ceremony.

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MMAL-TownshipIPRD

Medicines, medical equipment donated to breeders

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Department presented completion certificates to 30 trainees.

The medical superintendent of the District Hospital gave prize to outstanding trainee Ma Wai Zin Soe of Kardu Village.

On behalf of the winner spoke words of thanks.

MMAL-Aung Swe (Monywa)
Philippines decorates JICA’s Ogata for helping Mindanao peace talks

Tokyo, 15 Dec — Sadako Ogata, who formerly headed the Japan Interna- tional Cooperation Agency and the UN refugee agency, received an award from the Philippines on Saturday for her contribution to peace talks between the government and rebel leaders in Mindanao.

Philippine President Benigno Aquino conferred the Order of Sikatuna on Ogata, 86, who now serves as a special adviser to the government-linked aid ag- ency, at a Tokyo hotel.

The Order of Sikatuna is given to individuals who have provided exceptional service to the Philippines. It is the highest accolade for foreigners.

Ogata, who headed JICA between 2003 and 2012, began in 2006 sup- porting peace negotiations between the Philippine government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and dispatched the agency’s officials as truce monitors to Mindanao in the southern Philippines.

The government and rebel leaders reached a ba- sic peace accord in October last year following more than 40 years of armed con- flict. Aquino is in Tokyo to attend a Japan-ASEAN summit. In March, the president bestowed the Or- der of Sikatuna on Asian Development Bank chief Haruhiko Kuroda before he left his post. Kuroda is the Bank of Japan governor.

Kyodo News

South Africa buries ‘greatest son’ Mandela

South Africa’s President Jacob Zuma (2nd L), the ex-wife of former South African President Nelson Mandela, Winnie Mandela (L), and the widow of Mandela, Graca Machel (3rd L), sit by the coffin of Mandela during his funeral ceremony in Qunu on 15 Dec, 2013.—Reuters

QUNU (South Africa), 15 Dec — South Africa held a state funeral for Nelson Mandela on Sun- day, closing one chapter in its tortured history and opening another in which the multi-racial democracy he founded will have to discover if it can thrive without its central pillar.

The Nobel peace laureate, who was held in apartheid prisons for 27 years before emerging to preach forgiveness and reconciliation, was hon- ored with ceremonies that mixed military pomp with the traditional rites of his Xhosa abThembu clan.

The funeral drew 4,500 guests, from relatives and South African leaders to Britain’s Prince Charles, American civil rights activist Reverend Jesse Jackson and talk show host Oprah Winfrey. “The person who is lying here is South Af- rica’s son,” Cyril Ramaphosha, deputy leader of South Africa’s ruling ANC party who was acting as one of the masters of cer- emonies, said as the service got under way.

Fellow anti-apartheid veteran Archbishop Des- mond Tutu was also among those who arrived shortly after dawn at a vast, domed tent erected in a field near Mandela’s home, having resolved a last-minute mix- up over his invitation.

As Mandela’s flag-draped coffin was borne from the house on a gun- carriage, a battery of cannons positioned on the hillside fired a 21-gun salute, send- ing booms echoing across the sun-drenched valley. The coffin was followed into the huge tent decked out in- side in black, by Mandela’s grandson and heir, Mandla, and South African President Jacob Zuma.—Reuters

German SPD party approves coalition deal with Merkel’s conservatives

Berlin, 15 Dec — Germany’s Social Democrats (SPD) approved the party’s deal with Chancellor Ange- la Merkel’s conservatives on forming a “grand coalit- ion” government, results of a binding members’ ballot showed on Saturday.

The approval clears the way for Germany’s two biggest parties to rule Eu- rope’s biggest economy for the next four years.

About 76 percent of all the valid ballots cast were in favour of a grand coalit- ion with Merkel’s conserv- ative bloc of the ChristianDemocratic Union (CDU) and its Bavarian sister party the Christian Social Union (CSU). SPD treasurer Bar- bara Hendricks told a Press conference.

SPD chief Sigmar Ga- briel said the party has “set a new standard” in terms of member participation and is “not only the best but also

Bachelet set for big win in Chile’s two-woman poll showdown

SANTIAGO, 15 Dec — Former President Michelle Bachelet is virtually guar- anteed to win Chile’s elec- tion runoff on Sunday and the centre-left leader is gunning for a landslide tri- umph to bolster her reform mandate.

In Chile’s first presi- dential showdown between two women, voters are ex- pected to give overwhelm- ing backing to Bachelet, who led the country from 2006 to 2010, impressed by her easy charm and plans to tackle deep income inequal- ity. Her right-wing rival, the sharp-tongued Evelyn Mat- thei, has been weakened by her family’s ties to the 1973-1990 military dicta- torship of General Augusto Pinochet and by her post in the unpopular government of outgoing President Se- bastian Pinera.

In the first round of voting on 17 November, Bachelet, a 56-year-old psychiatrist by training, won nearly twice as many votes as Mathet, a 60-year- old economist and former labour minister. But Bachelet fell just short of the 50 percent needed to win out- right, pushing the vote into a runoff.—Reuters

Chilean presidential candidate Michelle Bachelet (R) waves to supporters during a campaign event in San- tiago on 12 Dec, 2013.—Reuters

Japanese diplomat wounded in attack in Yemen

CARO, 15 Dec — A Japanese diplomat was wounded in an attack by an armed group and taken to hospital in the Yemeni capital of Sanaa on Sunday, the Japanese Embassy in Yemen said.

Although the diplomat was stabbed by knife in his head, back and two other spots, the wounds are ap- parently not life threatening, according to the em- bassy. Armed men stabbed the Japanese diplomat after he resisted a kidnapping at- tempt in front of his house, Reuters reported, citing a local security source.

Other reports say the attack took place while the diplomat was in his car go- ing to work.

In Yemen where kid- napping of foreigners is common, two Japanese fe- male travelers and a Japa- nese male engineer were abducted and later released in 2008 and 2009, respec- tively.—Kyodo News

Czech Social Democrats not to coalition agreement

PRAGUE, 15 Dec — The central executive committee (UXV) of Czech Social Democrat (CSSD) approved the coalition agreement with ANO and the Christian Democrats (KDU-CSL) on Saturday and no internal CSSD ref- erendum on it will be held, said CSSD chairman Bo- huslav Sobota.

Sobota originally pro- posed that a referendum be held on the coalition agree- ment but gave up finally. He said it was not neces- sary and it would delay the formation of a new cabinet. CSSD deputy chairman Lubomir Zaoralek sup- ported this opinion, he said the UVV should vote on the coalition pact to speed up the process. “It shows that we have succeeded in in- cluding in it a major part of the priorities that the CSSD wanted to have in it,” said Sobota. He said that there was no serious criticism to the coalition agreement at the UVV meeting.

New Light of Myanmar

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Chinese unmanned spacecraft lands on moon

SHANGHAI, 15 Dec — China landed an unmanned spacecraft on the moon on Saturday, state media reported, in the first such “soft-landing” since 1976, joining the United States and the former Soviet Union in managing to accomplish such a feat.

The Chang’e-3, a probe named after a lunar god, was also a new technology and the former Soviet Union reported, in the first such mission, that the spacecraft had started soft-landing on the moon, as much as 5.7 percent after it had been in orbit around the moon since 2007.

China has been increasingly ambitious in developing its space programme, for military, commercial and scientific purposes. It has moved in lock step with its emergence as a major global economic and political power. The dream for lunar exploration once again lights up the China Dream,” Xinhua news agency said in a commentary.

In 2007, China put another lunar probe Chang’e-3 into orbit around the moon, which then executed a controlled crash on to its surface. China Central Television (CCTV) broadcast images of the probe’s location on Saturday and a computer generated image of the probe on the surface of the moon on its website. The probe and the rover are expected to photograph each other tomorrow.

Cisco plans to add 1,700 jobs in Canadian expansion

TORONTO, 15 Dec — Cisco Systems Inc will expand its research and development operations in Ontario, looking to add 1,700 jobs in the Canadian province over the next six years, the US network equipment maker said on Friday.

Cisco and the Ontario provincial government said they have signed a 10-year agreement that will see the province provide up to C$220 million ($307 million) to support the company’s expansion.

They did not specify what form the support would take, but the agreement could expand Cisco’s Ontario payroll to as many as 5,000 jobs. Cisco said it now has about 1,300 staff in the province. The company and the government said the potential investment could be as much as C$4 billion, including C$2.2 billion in salaries over the next decade. Ontario, the country’s most populous province, has long been Canada’s manufacturing hub and home to many of its top technology companies. Ontario manufacturer’s were hit hard by the financial crisis and Ontario’s highest-profile technology company, Waterloo-based BlackBerry Ltd, has shed vast numbers of employees in recent years as its smartphones have lost market share.

Cisco is not the only global technology company to announce an expansion of its Ontario operations recently. Google Inc’s Motorola Mobility unit said in September it planned to set up a new hub in Waterloo, partly to take advantage of local engineering talent.

For the 10th year in a row, a Jerusalem-based conglomerate of 16 companies shows off its cutting-edge products in communications technology.

By Rivka Borochov

The Bynet Data Communications, the country’s largest hardware, software and technology integrator, held its 10th annual expo this year in Tel Aviv along with its “brother” company, RAD Data Communications.

The annual expo showcases the “offspring” of Israel’s technology entrepreneur brothers Yehuda and Zohar Zisapel.

The Zisapels founded the RAD Bynet Group, a string of homegrown technology companies. Their annual expo lets the public, security and IT sectors—present and future clients—witness the powers of both Bynet and RAD.

RAD Data Communications encompasses nine companies, some of them traded on the NASDAQ including Radware and Ceridian Networks. Bynet Data Communications includes seven companies.

Cisco to add 1,700

edinications that will make remote guest is in the same room.

The convenient, powerful and private data centre in a box called FlexPod, built by Cisco’s Cloudpia, was also a new technology the RAD Bynet Group showcased as part of its development success.

Bynet Communications boasts best-in-the-world communications technologies to make unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) better able to communicate streaming video wirelessly. Aleppo, an unmanned airship of the size of a toy, can help farmers keep a watch on their crops and protect their expensive farm machinery from thieves.

A new generation of communication technologies for service providers, companies and government agencies is on display at the expo. Among the many new offerings are video surveillance systems for border surveillance.

The RAD Bynet Expo was clearly a scene where technology geeks and big business came to mingle to see the latest offerings in cloud computing, wireless communication, networking, videoconferencing, communications, private security and homeland security.

Bynet Tech VP Amir Mallouch

“CIOs in companies need to find the latest technologies in

Chinese unmanned spacecraft lands on moon

Sweeping up the moon

The Long March-3B rocket carrying the Chang’e-3 lunar probe blasts off from the launch pad at Xichang Satellite Launch Center, Sichuan Province on 2 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS

ARM shares rise on report Google may use its chip designs

LONDON, 15 Dec—British chip designer ARM Holdings Plc’s shares rose as much as 5.7 percent after Bloomberg reported on Thursday that Google Inc may use ARM’s technology to design its own server processors.

A deal would speed up ARM’s push into the server market, where it has been a late entrant. ARM’s chief executive, Simon Segars, said in March after taking the helm that he saw big opportunities in servers, an area where the company was just getting started. ARM licenses its designs to chipmakers such as Qualcomm and Texas Instruments, whose chips are used in Apple Inc’s iPhone and Samsung Electronic Co’s Galaxy devices.

ARM, which receives royalty on the sale of every chip that uses its technology, declined to comment on the report. Jefferies analyst Lee Simpson said he expected companies such as Amazon and Facebook, which maintain large server farms, to adopt ARM’s designs over the next couple of years. ARM’s strength in designing low-power processors has enabled it to dominate the mobile devices sector, while Intel Corp is by far the leader in chips used in servers and personal computers.

A Cisco office is pictured in San Diego, California on 12 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

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It’s a RAD world at the annual Bynet Expo (Israel)
Barrick laying off 1,500 Pascua-Lama workers in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 15 Dec — Barrick Gold Corp is laying off roughly 1,500 of its approximately 5,000 workers on the Argentinian side of its suspended Pascua-Lama gold mine project, a local government spokesman said on Saturday.

The Toronto-based miner said in October it was moth-balling the huge project, which straddles the border between Argentina and Chile.

However, Barrick (ABX.TO) maintains workers in Argentina’s Western San Juan province to perform maintenance tasks and build some infrastructure.

“As of 2014 there will be 3,500 workers,” Alejandro Flores, the spokesman for the San Juan Mining Ministry, told Reuters.

“All the works on the Argentine side have been suspended,” he added.

Chile’s environmental regulator suspended the project earlier this year due to “significant” environmental harm, and ordered mitigation measures to avoid water pollution.

Pascua-Lama has also been plagued by cost overruns, what experts have called poor management, and lower bullion prices.

Before the project’s suspension, the Toronto-based miner employed roughly 10,000 people on the Argentine side of the complex.

Barrick did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Feeding the residents at Gan Garoo

Pollack recommends a tour of nearby Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu’s Bio-Bee Biological Systems, which sells specially bred fruit flies, bees, and other insects, as well as nesting owls, used on farms in 30 countries as natural pest control. Kids can feed wild donkeys here. For a different water experience in the Beit She’an area, splash around in the natural springs at Emek Hakibbutzim.

Pollack suggests buying lunch at Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu or Kibbutz Tirat Zvi for an inexpensive and authentic kibbutz dining experience. Reasonably priced lodgings are available at many area kibbutzim, and also through the Israel Youth Hostel Association system.

Shanghai researchers make key findings about obesity gene

BEIJING, 15 Dec — Researchers from Ruijin Hospital have made important discoveries about a gene related to obesity, hospital officials said on Friday.

The discoveries can help provide a new route for obesity prevention and treatment, they said.

The researchers found that the LGR4 gene can have a big influence in the occurrence of obesity.

People with mutated LGR4 genes can have over two times the risk of being obese.

They also found that rats that had the LGR4 gene deactivated had better physical data and lower weights even when fed a fatter diet. In 2004, doctors from Ruijin started to recruit obese patients below 30 years of age for genetic studies. The team has collected over 1,000 obese people’s DNA information and clinical records.

European scientists also have made related findings showing that European offspring whose LGR4 genes are less active weigh less than ordinary people.

Obesity is a disease that carries the risk of complications such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease and even sudden death.

Experts said obesity has close ties to heredity, which means obese usually have close relatives with the same problem.

Xinhua

Beit She’an – the modern and the ancient (Israel oldest city)

One of Israel’s oldest cities, Beit She’an is a place where you can visit vast Roman ruins in the morning and then go to McDonald’s for lunch.

By Avigayil Kadesh

Beit She’an (“House of Tranquility”), a city on Israel’s central-northeastern border with Jordan, in its Roman heyday was a regional hub with 30,000 to 40,000 inhabitants due to its strategic and picturesque — location at the junction of the Jordan River Valley and the Jezreel Valley. Today it is home to 17,000 residents.

“The Roman theater is complete with a 7,000-seat amphitheater,” says Pollack. “The view from the top of Mount Gilboa,“ says Pollack. “The view from the top of Mount Gilboa,“ says Pollack. “Even before the Crusader period, this was a feeding station set up to feed wild donkeys and natural pest control. Kids can feed wild donkeys here. For a different water experience in the Beit She’an area, splash around in the natural springs at Emek Hakibbutzim.

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Xinhua
**Myanmar men’s volleyball team beat Malaysia 3-0**

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Dec—Men’s and women’s volleyball event of the 27th SEA Games continued today at Zeyathiri Indoor Stadium (B).

Vietnamese women’s volleyball team beat Indonesian with 25-13, 25-19 and 25-23 points in playoff match.

In men’s preliminary competitions, Thailand won over Cambodia with 25-20, 25-23 and 25-14 while Myanmar defeated Malaysia with 25-15, 25-21 and 25-15 points. Thai women’s volleyball team will play against Vietnamese and Myanmar will compete with Indonesia as playoff matches tomorrow.

**Kyaw Htike Soe (NLM)**

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**Men’s and women’s basketball events continue**

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Dec—Men’s and women’s basketball competitions of the 27th SEA Games went on today at Zeyathiri Indoor Stadium (A).

Indonesian women’s basketball team lost to the Philippines with 45-55 points while Thailand beat Malaysia with 72-69 points.

Cambodian men’s basketball team was defeated by Indonesian with 48-84 points while the Philippines won over Malaysia with 84-56 points.

Both Myanmar basketball teams will play against the Philippines women’s team and Thailand men’s team tomorrow.

**Kyaw Htike Soe (NLM)**

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**New records...**

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Similarly, athlete from Vietnam could set new record in men’s weightlifting event (56 kilo) and from Indonesia in men’s weightlifting event (62 kilo).

In the second day event, weightlifter from Indonesia also set new record in men’s snatch event (69 kilo).

Thai athlete could set new record in women’s 63 kilo event. And Indonesia got silver medal and Vietnam, bronze medal.

The men’s 94 kilo event and women’s 69 kilo event will go tomorrow.—MNA
NATIONAL

President U Thein Sein visits Suzuki plant in Japan

TOYKO, 15 Dec—President U Thein Sein this afternoon visited Suzuki plant in Hamamatsu of Japan where he was conducted round by Mr. Osamu Suzuki, Chairman of Suzuki Co., and the responsible persons.

The corporation opens 76 branches across the nation and 65 companies, all over the world. The cooperation made cent per cent investment in Myanmar, staring from May, 2013.

In the evening, the President and party arrived at Marriot Nagoya Association Hotel in Nagoya. The President attended a dinner hosted by the entrepreneurs from Nagoya.

MNA

Union Sports Minister enjoys sports matches of 27th SEA Games

NAI PYI TAW, 15 Dec—Chairman of the organizing committee for the 27th SEA Games Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan enjoyed women’s and men’s walking race (20 kg) at Wunna Theikdi Stadium, here, this morning.

The Union minister gave an encouragement to the Myanmar golfers at the Royal Myanmar Golf Club.

Next, he viewed women cyclists who are going to compete in the women’s cycling (single) event at the start point near Hninsi Roundabout on Yarzahtarni Road.

The Union Minister, Deputy Minister U Zaw Minn giving an encouragement and the Myanmar golfers at the Royal Myanmar Golf Club.

The Union minister sent a warm thanks to the Union Sports Minister for his encouragement.

Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan celebrating victory together with Saw Marlar Nwe who secured gold in women’s race walking (20 kg) event.—MNA

Myanmar who stood first, second and third in the men’s walk race.

The Vice-President of Asia Track and Field Federation and the Myanmar Track and Field Federation Vice-President presented Indonesia, Vietnam and Myanmar which won the first, second and third in the women’s walk race.

Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan enjoying Karatedo matches at Wunna Theikdi Indoor Stadium (A).—MNA

President U Thein Sein extends greetings at the dinner hosted by the entrepreneurs from Nagoya.—MNA

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EQ and IQ

The two acronyms – EQ and IQ – are very important for our efficiency improvement in every field. Because EQ or IQ level has direct relations with work efficiency.

People with higher EQ and IQ level have better ability than others. They can do their job more effectively and carry out management issues with greater success.

So everyone needs to improve his or her EQ and IQ. EQ or IQ refers to the ability to perceive, control, and evaluate emotions. Some researchers suggest that emotional intelligence can be learned and strengthened, while others claim it is an inborn characteristic. EQ mainly concerns with knowledge and experience. So we can improve our EQ through learning. The abbreviation “IQ” comes from the German term Intelligent-Quotient. IQ scores have been shown to be associated with such factors, parental social status, and, to a substantial degree, biological parental IQ. Intelligence is a better predictor of educational and work success than any other single score. EQ development is about developing our Emotional Quotient. It is often said that our EQ-emotional quotient can be developed throughout our lives and will enhance and enrich our lives.

Whether there is truth in this or not, it is true to say that our EQ-emotional quotient can be developed throughout our lives and will enhance and enrich our lives.

EQ, which stands for Intelligence Quotient, is a scientific assessment of our intelligence derived from standardized tests that measure problem solving abilities, spatial imagery, memory, general knowledge, and other factors. Anyhow, we all must try hard to improve our EQ and IQ for better efficiency in every field.

EQ and IQ

Myanmar seize gold in men’s individual Petanque event

NAI PYI TAW, 15 Dec—Myanmar snatched gold medal in men’s individual Petanque event of the 27th SEA Games today.

Thailand took the silver and Malaysia and Cambodia secured the joint bronze in this contest.

Thailand stood first in women’s couples Petanque.

Byline: Khin Yadana

Myanmar’s hope for compound archery gold rests ...

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“We are not expecting too much to clinch gold in individual recurve event. Our archers lack international experiences compared with Malaysian team. We only had taken one-month training in South Korea ahead of ongoing SEA Games. Nonetheless, Myanmar archers will give their best in remaining events. I am in confidence they will be capable of winning more gold than they bagged in 2011 SEA Games,” said Myanmar archery coach Daw Myat Thuzar Myint.

Myanmar brought home three gold, one silver and three bronze at the 26th SEA Games.

Aung Ngeain will face off Delfie Threeyaddinda of Indonesia in gold match on Monday while two Malaysian archers in bronze match. Titik Kusumawardani of Indonesia and Chan Jing Ru of Singapore are scheduled to face off in Monday’s recurve individual gold match while Indonesian archer Ika Yulisana Rochmahwati and Vietnamese counterpart Loc Thi Dao in bronze match.

Two Malaysian archers, Kharul Anuar Mohamad and Atiq Bazil Bakri are scheduled to compete each other in Monday’s final match of men’s recurve individual in the knowledge that Malaysian archery team is sure to snatch gold and silver from this event.

“I am very pleased to be in the gold match with my friend because it can be said that gold medal is within our arm’s reach.” 2011 SEA Games gold medalist Kharul Anuar Mohamad who also clocked up team silver in World Archery Championships told NLM.

“It is my very first experience in SEA Games, but I am very enthusiastic about going to take home gold or silver,” said men’s recurve individual finalist Atiq Bazil Bakri.

Myanmar team competing in yachting event of the 27th SEA Games at Ngwehsaung Beach.(News on page 1)—MNA
President U Thein Sein meets NHK’s Senior Commentator

TOKYO, 15 Dec—President U Thein Sein who is in Japan to attend the summits, met Senior Commentator Ms Aiko Doden from NHK of Japan and party at the Salon Hall of Imperial Hotel this morning.

Myanmar delegation members Union Minister U Winna Maung Lwin also held talks with Mr. Ken Matsuzawa, President of Japan’s International Friendship Exchange Council (FEC) and party, Professor U Maung Aung Myo from International University of Japan (I/UJ) and party at the same venue.

Similarly, Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw held a discussion with Honourable Chairman of JGC Corporation Mr Yoshihiro Gahisa and party, Chairman of Nikkei Corporation Mr Yoshihiro Shigehisa and party, Chairman of Japan—Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Hideo Watanabe and party.

At the calls, they exchanged views on further cementing amity and friendship and socio-economic development.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker visits sports events of SEA Games in Yangon Zone

President U Thein Sein meets Senior Commentator Ms Aiko Doden from NHK of Japan.—MNA

Women’s Football Result on 15-12-2013

Vietnam 1-0 Myanmar

Traditional chess takes home 35th gold

Myanmar to establish Technology and Innovation Support Centers

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Shwe Mann enjoys shooting events, bodybuilding events and hokey events of the 27th SEA Games here.

Myanmar bodybuilder Min Zaw Oo won the gold medal for the 80 kg men’s bodybuilding category of the 27th SEA Games at the Myanmar Convention Centre in Yangon. Thailand’s Khantal Phuangphet took silver and Indonesia’s Komara Dhieta Jana settling for the bronze in the category.

In the 90 kg, Malaysia’s Wong Hong won the gold medal, with Myanmar’s Aung Swe Naing settling for silver and Thailand’s Panumpong Prateep taking the bronze.

In the women’s 58kg category held at Theinbyu Gymnasium here, Thailand won the gold while the Philippines won the silver and Vietnam the bronze.

In the women’s 85kg category, body builders from Thailand won the gold and the bronze and the bodybuilder from Vietnam settled for the silver.

In the women’s 63kg category, Thailand won the gold while Indonesia settled for the silver and Vietnam took the bronze.

In the 10m Air Pistol Men Team category at the International Shooting Range in Dagon Myothit (North), Vietnam won the gold, with Singapore settling for the silver and Malaysia taking the bronze.

In the Men’s category-3 of the Hokey event, Malaysia defeated Vietnam with 13-0, and in the Men’s Category-4, Singapore beat Myanmar 1-0.

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Dec—Meeting on Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs), jointly organized by the Ministry of Science and Technology and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), took place at the Ministry of Science and Technology on 10 December.

In his address, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ba Shwe said intellectual property rights play a crucial role raining from private and government sectors to economic development of the country. The country needs to establish TISCs to help promote intellectual property sector. The centers can help innovators and researchers in developing countries to promote IT-related works, create, protect and manage intellectual property rights, he added.

Technical experts from TISCs, responsible persons from the ministries and delegates from NGOs discussed the facts about TISCs.—MNA

Meeting on the establishment of technology and innovation support centers (TISCs) in Myanmar in progress.—MNA

Meeting at Imperial Hotel this afternoon. Traditional chess team event will take place tomorrow. — Khin Yadana
Mass walk activity of December continues for second week

Pakokku, 15 Dec—Organized by Pakokku District and Township Sports and Physical Education Department and General Administration Department, the second week of mass walk activity of December was held in Pakokku on 14 December morning.

The district and township administrators, ward administrators, local people, departmental personnel, NGO members, teachers and students totalling 850 participated in the mass walk activity.

Later, they took physical exercise at the sports ground.—Kyemon-Aung (Mann Tekkatho)

Pamphlets given to workers of Myitnge Carriage and Wagon Shed

Myitnge, 15 Dec—Educative talks on taking census process in 2014 and household matters was held in the compound of Myitnge Carriage and Wagon Shed in Amarapura Township of Mandalay Region on 13 December.

Deputy Head of Mandalay Region Immigration and National Registration Department U Aung Min made a speech and explained matters related to the census.

Head of District INRD U Kyaw Sein Tun gave lectures on 41 points for taking census and replied to queries raised by workers.

It was also attended by General Manager U Tun Maung Than of the shed, officers and staff, members of the census committee for wards, members of Women’s Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Head of Amarapura Township INRD U San Lwin and staff totalling over 1400.

Later, the pamphlets on taking census process were distributed to those attendees.

At the ceremony, a total of 140 goats were sold to 26 breeders through installment at the hall of Linkataw Village in Myaing Township of Magway Region on 12 December.

It was attended by Township Administrator U Ye Lin Aung, Head of District Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Maung Maung Soe Oo, Head of Township LBVD Dr Thaung Sein, in-charge of the company U Soe Min Maung, local breeders and local people.

At the ceremony, a total of 140 goats were sold to 26 breeders from five groups. The cost of the goats will be suspended one year. After one year, the cost of goats will be collected and then goats will be distributed to enthusiasts.

In addition, Township LBVD will provide assistance for health of animals. It was aimed at developing life of the local people, said an official, Kyemon-Aung (Mann Tekkatho)

New water course dredged in Nerinzara River in Kalay Township

Kalay, 15 Dec—West Khontha Village is located on Kalay-Tamu Road, 27 miles of Kalay.

This year, the village suffered from landslide along the banks of the village.

To prevent erosion of the village, the new water course was dredged under the instruction of Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye.

The work was supervised by Chairman of District Management Committee U Maung Htoo.

The work was being carried out with the use of heavy machinery of Kalay Township Irrigation Department.

The water course will be 30 feet wide, four feet deep and 2200 feet long.

Thanks to dredging work, the local people can be prevented from the danger of landslide.—Kyemon-Joe Net
China pledges steady, human-centred urbanization

Chinese President Xi Jinping, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, speaks at a central urbanization work conference in Beijing, capital of China. XINHUA

BEIJING, 15 Dec — China on Saturday pledged proactive yet steady moves in pushing forward human-centered urbanization as it looks to balance urban-rural development and unleash domestic demand.

Urbanization is the road China must take in its modernization drive, and it offers an important way to address rural problems, according to a statement released after a central urbanization work conference.

The two-day meeting, which ended on Friday, was attended by Chinese President Xi Jinping, Premier Li Keqiang and senior leaders Zhang Dejiang, Yu Zhengsheng, Liu Yunshan, Wang Qishan and Zhang Gaoli.

This was the most high-level meeting the Chinese leadership has ever convened on urbanization.

While promising to focus on the quality of urbanization and improve the living standards of urban residents, the statement said the primary task is to enable migrant workers to win urbanite status in an orderly manner.

The statement came as China’s rigid “hukou” (household registration) system has prevented migrants from gaining equal access to services in cities, posing a major barrier holding back the country’s urbanization process.

By the end of 2012, China has 710 million urban residents. For the first time in China’s history, its urban population exceeded rural population, with city-dwellers accounting for 51.27 percent of the total population.

Census shows the urban and rural residents are an army of 260 million migrant workers who live in cities but do not have access to the same public services as other urbanites who hold a city “hukou”.

Saturday’s statement promised that endeavors would be exerted to gradually allow migrant workers to become more integrated in cities, fully remove hukou restrictions in towns and small cities, gradually ease restrictions in mid-sized cities, and set reasonable conditions for settling in big cities while strictly controlling the population in megacities.

Cities should develop their industries based on their unique resource advantages and enhance cooperation in professional services, especially the service sector, to consolidate industrial development foundation and encourage innovations.

Measures and policies to enable migrant workers to win urbanite status should be carried out in line with farmers’ willingness, and should proceed in the light of local conditions, the statement said.

Priority should be given to urbanizing current rural population working in cities while guiding those new migrant workers, it said.—Xinhua

Japan provides 10.46 bil yen aid to Laos for infrastructure projects

TOKYO, 15 Dec — Japan announced on Sunday it will provide Laos with an aid package worth 10.46 billion yen to help the Southeast Asian country build infrastructure.

“I hope that our aid will contribute greatly to Laos’ economic development,” Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said at a joint press conference with Laotian Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

The signing of an estimated 9.5 billion yen loan agreement, along with more than 900 million yen in grants, was done in the presence of the two prime ministers.

The yen loans will be disbursed to a project to expand the international airport terminal in the capital Vientiane and another project to support poverty reduction, Japan’s Foreign Ministry said.

The grants will partly help in a bridge construction initiative in the southern part of Laos, the ministry said.

To further boost their economic ties, Abe and Thongsaing said they agreed to launch official consultations to conclude an aviation pact that will pave the way for direct flights.

The leaders also agreed to continue their talks to launch a security dialogue framework involving their nations’ foreign and defense officials, a move that Abe said “aims to strengthen our countries’ communication in political and security issues.”

They also agreed to boost people-to-people exchanges as their countries mark in 2015 the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

“We will further enhance our partnership and cooperation and work toward regional peace and prosperity,” Thongsaing said at the news conference after their meeting.

Abe visited Laos last month as part of his 10-nation tour to all ASEAN nations after just 11 months in office to demonstrate Japan’s engagement with the fast-growing, resource-rich region.

Apart from Laos, the nine other ASEAN members are Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Kyodo News

India’s ruling Congress appeals to all parties to help pass Lokpal Bill

NEW DELHI, 15 Dec — India’s ruling Congress party on Monday made an appeal to all other political outfits to evolve a consensus to help the Lokpal (Ombudsman) Bill passed in the Parliament.

“We have now is a bill where we have broad consensus. The Congress party fully supports this bill and we would like the opposition and other parties to work with us. The Congress party will fully support it, I request other parties to support it as this is a matter of national importance,” Rahul Gandhi, Nehru-Gandhi scion and Congress vice president, said.

“We are 99 percent there and if we get the support of all the parties we can pass this bill which I think is very important. We need other parties to work with us. The Congress party will fully support it, I request other parties to support it as this is a matter of national importance,” Rahul Gandhi, Nehru-Gandhi scion and Congress vice president, said.

However, the Congress second-in-command also refuted claims that the Lokpal Bill was being pushed by the ruling party in the wake of the recently formed Aam Aadmi Party’s excellent performance on its debut in the assembly polls in the Indian capital.

6 firemen injured in fire at Mumbai high rise building

MUMBAI, 15 Dec — At least six firemen were injured when trying to put under control a big fire that broke out at a 28-storey residential building in south Mumbai on Friday evening, while 17 people were rescued by firemen, said police.

The 13th floor of the posh building caught fire at 19:30 local time. More than two dozen fire tenders were deployed to fight the fire.

The fire caused blasts in domestic gas cylinders and spread to higher floors, trapping many people. The exact cause of the fire is yet to be known.

The injured firemen were sent to hospital for treatment.

The building, called Mont Blanc, is one of the high-class residential buildings in south Mumbai, where some of the wealthy elite of the city dwell in.

A Xinhua reporter at the spot was barred from going inside the compound by security guards who cited safety reasons.
Exhibition on former premier’s Africa visit opens

BEIJING, 15 Dec — A photograph exhibition marking the 50th anniversary of the first African visit paid by late Premier Zhou Enlai and a Chinese government delegation opened here on Friday.

The exhibition, “Milestone in the Development of China-Africa relations”, was held in the residence of the Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries. Some 80 representatives including former Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing, former Chinese ambassadors to African countries and African diplomats in Beijing attended the opening ceremony.

From December 1963 to February 1964, Zhou visited 10 African nations. They were the United Arab Republic (today’s Egypt), Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Ghana, Mali, Guinea, Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia.

During his visit, Zhou brought forth five principles in developing relations between China and African states, and between China and Arab nations.

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Two al-Qaeda militants killed in Algeria

ALGIERS, 15 Dec — The Algerian army forces on Friday killed two al-Qaeda linked militants in the province of Tizi Ouzou, 100 km east of Algiers, APS news agency reported citing a statement of the defence ministry.

The source specified that a unit of the army set up an ambush at the locality of Chaara in Tizi Ouzou, as two militants were killed and their weapons were recouped. The corpses of the militants were transferred to the hospital of downtown Tizi Ouzou pending identification.

A wide scale combing operation in the neighbouring woods discovered a hideout containing military uniforms and materials used in explosives fabrication.

China’s peacekeepers working in Mali

BEIJING, 15 Dec — The first batch of 135 peacekeepers in Mali have conducted the mission’s first defence drilling operation to improve emergency handling capabilities, according to the Chinese Ministry of National Defence on Friday. China sent the peacekeepers to Mali on 4 December, marking the first time the country has dispatched security forces for such a mission.

The team consists of engineers, medical staff and security guards from the Shenyang Military Area Command and the 211 Hospital of the People’s Liberation Army. They are the advance troops of a 395-strong force that China will send to Mali at the request of the United Nations. After they arrived, they prepared tents and constructed military bunkers, according to a statement from the ministry’s peacekeeping office.

China has been transported by sea to the area. The team will be tasked with repairing roads and bridges, airport runways and facilities at camps, safeguarding the security of mission headquarters, as well as providing medical treatment and epidemic prevention.

Malta’s president demands “strong” successor

VALLETTA, 15 Dec — President of Malta George Abela said on Friday morning that the time has come to choose a “strong” successor for him, a person who will “unite all the political forces” and be accepted as a unifying figure.

Abela, whose term ends in next April, highlighted the need for substantial reform to strengthen the autonomous role of the president in his Republic Day speech.

He said the focus should be on revising the procedure undertaken to select a president, and time had come for a stronger role for the president, who should not be removed by a simple majority of MPs, and that new powers should be accorded where he or she can act without the prime minister’s advice as in the case of approving laws.

“The possibility should be explored whether the president should refer to parliament, only once, any parliamentary act on which he may have some reservations for the parliament’s renewed consideration.”

Tourists have fun at the seaside in Sanya City, south China’s Hainan Province, on 10 Dec. 2013. Sanya City entered the peak period for winter tourism recently.
Hrithik Roshan: Sussanne is and will always be the love of my life

MUMBAI, 15 Dec — Bollywood heartthrob Hrithik Roshan, who has announced his wife Sussanne’s decision to split from him after 13 years of marriage, says she will forever remain the “love of my life”.

“This is my greatest tribute to love. Sussanne is and always will be the love of my life for the rest of my life,” Hrithik posted on his Facebook page. “If her smiles are brighter without me, my love for her must accomplish that. Unconditional,” added the 39-year-old.

Rumours of a rift between the couple, who dated four years before getting married on December 20, 2000, had been doing the rounds for a few months. Hrithik put the speculation to an end on Friday via an official statement.

“Sussanne has decided to separate from me and end our 17-year relationship. This is a very trying time for the entire family and I request the media and the people to grant us our privacy at this time,” he said.

Sussanne, an interior designer and daughter of veteran actor Sanjay Khan, has called the split a matter of “individual choices”.

They have two sons together — Hrehaan, seven, and Hridhaan, five.—PTI

Kate Winslet surprised by Golden Globe nomination

LOS ANGELES, 15 Dec — Actress Kate Winslet, who recently welcomed a baby boy, is “extremely surprised” to be nominated for a Golden Globe Award.

“I’m extremely surprised and absolutely thrilled to be included this year!? Thank you to the Hollywood Foreign Press Association,” usmagazine.com quoted the 38-year-old as saying.

The actress, who gave birth to a boy on 7 December in Sussex, England, is nominated in best actress in a motion picture (drama) category for her performance in Labour Day.

“This is so exciting. I’m thrilled that the film received so many nominations and that I get to share this with the rest of the cast,” Winslet said.—PTI

Miley Cyrus: I doubt MTV Video Music Awards are ever gonna ask me back

LOS ANGELES, 15 Dec — She might have made 2013’s MTV VMAs one of the most talked-about events of all-time, but Miley Cyrus doesn’t think she will get an invite to the awards again.

“Everyone else’s, I think, biggest moment of me was the VMAs. That was probably my biggest moment, too. I was pretty stoked to perform there. I doubt they’re ever gonna ask me. But just kidding. I don’t know,” Cyrus said in the sit-down interview with Sussanne.

The “twerking” show-down with Robin Thicke went down nearly a month before Cyrus released her Bangerz album in October.

“That was before my record even came out, so I mean, it was the beginning of what I was showing people what I was gonna do,” she said.

“It kind of just opened so many doors for me to be like, alright, I already pissed you off as much as I possibly can. So now I can kind of just be freer and kind of do whatever it is that we want to do,” Cyrus added.—PTI

Sunny Leone: It was my dream to meet Shah Rukh Khan

MUMBAI, 15 Dec — Sunny Leone said it was a dream come true for her to meet Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan at the special screening of Kaizad Gustad’s Jackpot in Mumbai. Sunny, who was here to promote her Hindi film Jackpot, told reporters, “It (meeting Shah Rukh) was a dream come true. I am a fan of Bollywood and you have been watching on screen for years, happen to meet you, you feel extremely nice. They are so down to earth and humble.”

On Naseeruddin Shah, who is cast opposite her in the film, she said it was a dream to act opposite the veteran actor, who commands immense respect in Bollywood.

“Working with Mr Naseer is a dream for me. You learn a lot on and off camera; how he conducts himself, how he acts on camera. You learn as a new actor and new actress,” she said.

“Hopefully people would say, yes Sunny you did a better job acting in this movie than your first one. For obvious reasons that you know your first movie you are nervous facing the camera but this film was extremely comfortable.”

The 32-year-old Indo-Canadian adult film star, who made her return to India with reality show Bigg Boss, is hoping that people would like her performance in Jackpot.

She said she is learning things about India and Bollywood, which is completely different from Hollywood.

“I have learnt so much over the last three years. It is almost like going to school again. I am learning Hindi, learning to dance and learning all these little things about this industry, how it works. It’s completely different than Hollywood. I have been told how Katrina Kaif also learnt them all, slowly but surely,” she added.

Indian-origin Sunny was born in Canada. She later moved to the US with her family. She was 19 when she ventured into the world of adult films. She made her Bollywood film debut with Jism 2. —PTI
## Neymar brace as Barca sink Villarreal, Real held

**Barcelona, 15 Dec** — Free-scoring Neymar hit a double as Barcelona beat Villarreal 2-1 to move three points clear at the top of La Liga with 10-man Real Madrid lost ground as they were held to a 2-2 draw at Osasuna after Sergio Ramos was sent off.

Brazil forward Neymar, who got a treble in a 6-1 Champions League win over Honduras in midweek, scored twice as Barca boast a 23-point clear at the top of La Liga while 10-man Real Madrid dropped two points to maintain that momentum. Neymar was inches away from scoring from close range early in the second period.

Barca coach Gerardo Martino rotated his squad with only Cesc Fabregas missing to get his second successive hat-trick in injury time with a shot which grazed the crossbar. Neymar was inches away from scoring from close range early in the second period.

Villarreal have excelled this season by attacking but, like Earle Snodgrass that it is not a sign they are on a good run

Barcelona’s soccer player Neymar (L) and Marc Bartra celebrate a goal against Villarreal during their Spanish First division League soccer match at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on 14 Dec, 2013.—Reuters

## Golf-Kuchar and English take control with 60 at Shootout

**Los Angeles, 15 Dec** — Americans Matt Kuchar and Harris English scorched the back nine in a sizzling nine-under-par 27 to seize a four-shot lead after Saturday’s better-ball format at the Franklin Templeton Shootout in Naples, Florida.

Joint leaders overnight with the teams of Kenny Perry-Sean O’Hair and Charles Howell III-Justin Leonard, Kuchar and English dovetailed superbly to card a 12-under 60 at Tiberon Golf Club for a 20-under total of 124.

South African Retief Goosen and Swede Fredrik Jacobson were alone in attack.

Americans Matt Kuchar and Harris English

## Bad day at office, says Wenger, after City rout Arsenal

**London, 15 Dec** — Jose Mourinho breathed a sigh of relief after his Chelsea side beat plucky Crystal Palace 2-1 at Stamford Bridge Saturday to move within two points of Premier League leaders Arsenal.

Chelsea took the lead through Fernando Torres in the 16th minute but allowed resurgent Moroccan Marouane Chamakh to equalise before the half-hour as the ex-Arsenal striker scored in three straight Premier League matches for the first time. Chelsea hit back six minutes later with what proved to be the winning goal when Brazil midfielder Ramires powered a shot past a motionless Julian Speroni from the edge of the area “I was expecting big problems,” Mourinho told reporters.

**Reuters**

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## Mourinho relieved as Chelsea see off spirited Palace

**London, 15 Dec** — Jose Mourinho breathed a sigh of relief after his Chelsea side beat plucky Crystal Palace 2-1 at Stamford Bridge Saturday to move within two points of Premier League leaders Arsenal.

Chelsea took the lead through Fernando Torres in the 16th minute but allowed resurgent Moroccan Marouane Chamakh to equalise before the half-hour as the ex-Arsenal striker scored in three straight Premier League matches for the first time. Chelsea hit back six minutes later with what proved to be the winning goal when Brazil midfielder Ramires powered a shot past a motionless Julian Speroni from the edge of the area “I was expecting big problems,” Mourinho told reporters.

**Reuters**
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**INITIAL PROBE SHOWS NO MECHANIC MALFUNCTION LINKED TO MOZAMBIAN AIR CRASH**

**MAPUTO, 15 Dec —** Preliminary investigation shows no suspicion of mechanical problems in the 29 November accident of the Mozambican air liner, which left 33 people including one Chinese civilian dead, according to the country’s authorities.

The Institute of Civil Aviation of Mozambique (IACM), flight regulator of the country, presented the findings on Saturday in a press conference held in Maputo.

Joao Abreu, director of the Board of Directors of IACM, affirmed that there’s no evidence in direction to mechanical malfunction after investigating the electronic cockpit voice recorder (EVR) and the electronic flight data recorder (ESDR) at the crash site.

“The investigation is still in progress and will be completed within the 30 days period recommended by the International Civil Aviation Organization, said Abreu, adding that the crash of the Embraer product has entered the category of "major accidents".

Meanwhile, Mozambican Ministry of Transport and Communications Gabrielle Muthisse will depart for Namibia on Sunday to follow the details of the investigation efforts since the day of crash.

The NMC also warned of moderate to heavy snow in northwestern and northeastern parts of Yunnan and western parts of Guizhou from Sunday to Monday.

China has a four-tier warning system for extreme weather, with red being the most serious, followed by orange, yellow and blue.

**CHINA ISSUES BLUE ALERT FOR HEAVY RAIN**

**BEIJING, 15 Dec —** The National Meteorological Center (NMC) on Sunday issued a blue alert as heavy rainfall affecting south-west and south China were pushed further eastwards.

From Sunday to Tuesday, heavy rain will batter the southern parts of Yunnan Province, regions south of the Yangtze River and south China, the NMC said in an online statement.

The observatory forecasted downpours as heavy as 100 to 120 millimeters in some areas of Jiangxi, Fujian and Hainan Provinces, in addition to Guangdong, Yunnan and Guizhou that have been affected by strong rainfall since Friday.

Under a strong cold snap, Yunnan and Guizhou provinces will see temperature drops by 4 to 8 degrees Celsius in the next three days, the NMC added.

**BAYERN END 2013 IN TOP SPOT, EYE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**BERLIN, 15 Dec —** Bayern Munich stretched their unbeaten Bundesliga run to a staggering 41 games with a 3-1 home win over Hamburg SV on Saturday to ensure they go into the winter break as league leaders.

Bayern, who are not in domestic action next week as they fly to Morocco for the Club World Cup, have gone the whole year without a league defeat, their last loss in the Bundesliga dating back to October 2012.

They clinched their 19th unofficial "autumn championship" at the season’s halfway mark to move seven points clear at the top with 44 points from 16 matches, having won 14 and drawn two with 42 goals scored and eight conceded.

"Congratulations to Bayern for a sensational 2013," coach Pep Guardiola, who took over the treble winners this season, told reporters.

"The players already had Marrakech on their minds and I will try to convince them that there is still work to be done. But it is not easy after Champions League games in midweek. "Now we fly to Morocco to win the last title of the year," said the Spaniard. Second-placed Bayer Leverkusen, in action on Sunday, can cut Bayern’s lead back to four points with one game left in the Bundesliga before a break until January.

With Franck Ribery and David Alaba on the bench and Arjen Robben injured, Bayern were initially made to work hard against battling Hamburg, eager to redeem themselves for last season’s 9-2 demolition by the Munich club.

Mario Mandzukic struck at the right time when he nodded in after 42 minutes. Mario Goetze’s superb control and volley seven minutes after the restart gave them a two-goal cushion before Xherdan Shaqiri killed off the game in stoppage time.

Hamburg had briefly cut the deficit in the 87th minute through Pierre-Michel Lasogga. Borussia Dortmund battled back from two goals down to draw 2-2 at Hoffenheim but dropped further points after having won only one of their last five games to sit in third place and are now 12 points off the pace. 

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Myanmar athlete sets new record for women’s 20 km Walk Race

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Dec—Ma Saw Malar Nwe of Myanmar won gold medal in women’s 20 km Walk Race first day event after breaking the old record of the SEA Games.

The second prize went to The Thanh Phuc Nguyen of Vietnam and third to Ma Kay Khaing Tun of Myanmar. In men’s 20 km Walk Race, Indonesia got first prize; Vietnam, second and Myanmar, third.

Deputy Minister for Sports U Zaw Win awarded winners in 20-km Walk Race

Ma saw Marlar Nwe finishing the line, raising both arms aloft.—MNA

Vietnam fetch two more gold in shooting event

YANGON, 15 Dec—The shooting event of the XXVII SEA Games took place at International Shooting Range in North Dagon Township, here, this morning.

At today’s matches, Vietnam secured gold with 1705.5 points, Singapore, silver with 1703.46 points and Malaysia, bronze with 1702.47 points in men’s team 10-meter air pistol event while Vietnam’s Hoang Xuan Vinh took gold with 199.7 points, Malaysia’s Chew Eddy, silver with 198 points and Singapore’s Swee Hon, bronze with 176.5 points in men’s singles 25-meter air pistol event.

Women’s 25-meter air pistol event will be held tomorrow.

Vietnamese shooters in shooting event of XXVII SEA Games in progress.—MNA

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