NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, accepted credentials from newly-accredited Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Mr. Peter Lysholt Hansen, newly-accredited Ambassador of the State of Israel Mr. Daniel Zonshine and newly-accredited Ambassador of New Zealand.

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ASEAN Financial Inclusion Conference’s Yangon Outcomes recommend regional collective commitments for financial inclusion

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 30 Oct—The ASEAN Financial Inclusion Conference hosted by Myanmar in Yangon concluded with the release of “Yangon Outcomes for Financial Inclusion” on Thursday, producing a set of recommendations on realization of objectives to accelerate financial inclusion in the ASEAN region.

“We made a successful conference as international organizations including UNDP, UNCDF and Australian Aid gave pledges in a spirit of goodwill to continue to support for implementation of financial inclusion programmes in the region,” said Managing Director Daw Yin Yin Mya of Myanmar Economic Bank, who presented the Yangon Outcomes for Financial Inclusion in ASEAN at the conference.

Ways and means of making access to financial services possible for people without access to banking in the region were sought and approved to accelerate actions for financial inclusion, she added.

According to the Yangon Outcomes statement, the ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Working Group (AFDM-WG) will be asked to realize the success of the objectives of the Yangon Outcomes, including engagement with other working groups and the establishment of a Financial Inclusion Advisory Group to support their activities.

The AFDM-WG will present the Yangon Outcomes to the ASEAN (See page 9)

Inland Water Transport to build 37 passenger ships to compete with private rivals

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 30 Oct—Inland Water Transport is planning to build 37 ships for passengers in attempts to compete with private navigation services across the country.

“We are still practicing the old system and still using the British-colonial era ships,” said U Win Pe, managing director of Inland Water Transport under the Ministry of Transport.

He told reporters Wednesday that the passenger-cum-cargo ships owned by the IWT are not helpful today to fulfill the demand of passengers as they want to arrive their destinations on time.

The number of navigable transportation service routes operated by IWT has been spirally decreased as the ministry’s decades-old ships experience delays and higher costs and cannot compete with modern ones run by private entrepreneurs, according the ministry.

Meanwhile, Inland Water Transport is facing challenges for transforming its services from public service to a commercial basis with its decades-old ships to be able to stand on its own budget as the new government adopted a new policy.

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Inland Water Transport urgently needs to replace its decades-old ships running along the navigable waterways with modern and faster ones to recover from losses.—Photo: www.allthingsburmese.com

President U Thein Sein accepts credentials of ambassadors of Denmark, Israel and New Zealand

President U Thein Sein shakes hands with Ambassador of Denmark Mr. Peter Lysholt Hansen at presentation ceremony of Credentials.

EIRA seeks opportunity to cooperate in Dawei SEZ Project

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker receives Danish Ambassador

Vice-Senior General Soe Win receives Special Envoy on Asian Affairs of China
Representatives divided on purchase of farm machinery in installments form South Korea

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Oct — Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives had different opinions on purchase of farm machinery worth of US$ 100 million from Daedong Industrial Co, Ltd of South Korea.

Defence Services Representative Li-Col Moe Kyaw Oo supported the purchase, saying that the government is responsible for raising the living standards of peasant farmers who are suffering losses due to the shortage of farm machinery.

Another representative who supported the purchase was Representative U Min Swe who said farm machinery form the Korean company are of high quality and the term for repayment for the purchase is not burdensome.

However, Representative U Sein Win said that the union government is responsible for the loan for the purchase when the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has been approved the program and thus the program should be handed over to the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, which is concerned with peasant farmers and is more likely to make the program successful.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Defence services representative raises question on future challenges for national development tasks

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Oct — Defence Services Representative Brig-Gen Tint Hsan raised question on handling future challenges for national development plans and how to handle them at the Pyithu Hluttaw Session on Thursday.

Pyithu Hluttaw Right Committee responded to the question with the secretary of the committee saying that compared to parliaments in other countries, the Hluttaw office does not have enough staff and skill but capacity building programmes are being carried out with international organizations including National Democratic Institute, Open Society, German Foundation, Westminister Foundation, the DFID, Hanna Siedel Foundation, the GIZ and the UNDP. As the major responsibility of the Hluttaw is to enact laws, it has been enacting, amending and repealing laws in the interest of the nation and the people, he added, pointing out that the major challenge facing the Hluttaw is to interact with administrative and judicial branches positively and harmoniously. In conclusion, he said that the Hluttaw will address the challenges in enacting laws in cooperation with representatives and defence services representatives in the interest of the people and the nation, and will interact with administrative and judicial branches in the interest of the nation and the people. For another question raised at the session, Deputy Minister for Education U Thant Shin said that the government is making preparations to change the current basic education system into a KG+12 system which includes the kindergarten and 12 grades in accordance with the National Education Law but holding basic education final examination and university admission examinations separately is still under discussions.

However, the deputy minister denied that basic education final examinations will be held by respective schools instead of current system of the government examination. Under the National Education Law, universities are required to make independent efforts to raise their education standards, to guarantee the quality of their education system and to be recognized by international educational institutions, the deputy minister added. Requirements to enroll at universities may differ from one university to another as universities will have the right to select the students whom they want to admit based on the qualifications, the deputy minister said. Another question raised at the Pyithu Hluttaw Session was responded by Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Htin Aung, who said that the ministry is providing job opportunities to youths who lack proper education through labour offices, occupational trainings and disseminating labour laws. Then, representatives discussed the report on appropriate electoral system for Myanmar. Two representatives submitted their opinion in support of the combined electoral system. Under way to have Bagan considered for inscription for the World Heritage List by the World Heritage Committee.

Amyotha Hluttaw

Only member countries propose their cultural and natural sites as world heritage

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Oct — A defence service representative asked the Amyotha Hluttaw on Thursday about the procedures of listing world heritage sites and ongoing arrangements for the inclusion of cultural heritage sites which are still left.

Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sandar Khin responded that only countries that have signed the World Heritage Convention can submit nominations for their properties on their soil to be included on the World Heritage List, adding that member countries are entitled to submit one cultural site and one natural site a year.

The nomination list is to be submitted to the World Heritage Centre for review, which will assign a team of experts to evaluate the proposed sites.

Speaking of current undertakings of her ministry, the deputy minister said arrangements are under way to have Bagan considered for inscription for the World Heritage List by the World Heritage Committee.

Deputy Minister for Cultural Affairs U Thant By said that small capitals are being disbursed to members of cooperative associations at all levels of communities, adding that plans are under way to set up new cooperative associations and organize casual labourers to become members so that they will be entitled to small loans. The Amyotha Hluttaw will meet on 10 November.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker receives Danish Ambassador

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Oct — Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) Thura U Shwe Mann received Ambassador of Denmark Mr Peter Lysholt Hansen at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday afternoon.

Also present were Chairman of Pyithu Hlut-taw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, member of Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission Daw Aye Aye Mu and officials of the Pyithu Hluttaw Office.

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Public announcement for remonstration

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Oct — Wa National Unity Party that headquarters at No.36, Byuha Street, Region-2, Ward-1, Lashio, Shan State, as a political party under the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law, submitted applications to change its flag and seal.

It is hereby announced that those who want to remonstrate with the UEC about the party’s flag and seal they may submit a complaint along with the strong evidences within seven days starting from issuance of this announcement in line with Section 14 (d) of the Political Parties Registration Rule.

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**EIRA seeks opportunity to cooperate in Dawei SEZ Project**

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Oct—Vice President U Nyan Tun received ERIA Executive Director Hidetoshi Nishimura of Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and officials of Harvard University at the hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

They discussed outcomes of the Myanmar-ERIA-Harvard Symposium: Maximizing AEC benefit towards a Peaceful and Prosperous Community, recommendation for policy affairs, reviews to achieve the highest contribution of ASEAN Economic Community for SME industries in the regional countries, and opportunities for EIRA to cooperate in Dawei Special Economic Zone Project.—MNA

**Vice-Senior General Soe Win receives Special Envoy on Asian Affairs of China**

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Oct—Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win received Mr. Wang Yingfan, Special Envoy on Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday afternoon.

They exchanged views on peace and stability process in border regions between the two countries and implementation of peace talks.

After the meeting, Vice-Senior General Soe Win and the Chinese guests posed for documentary photo.—Myawady

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Press release to submit a special report on human rights


2. The President Office has ordered the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission to submit a special investigation report to the President at the earliest after conducting investigation on the death case in line with the provisions of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law.

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Statue museum of King Mindon and Queen under construction

Mandalay, 30 Oct — A museum in which the statues of King Mindon who built the Mandalay Palace in 1821 Myanmar Era and Queen will be kept is under construction near Kyauktawgyi Pagoda at the foot of Mandalay Hill.

Managing Director of Mann Myay Yazar Company Ltd Thudhamma Dr U Kyaw Win and wife Thudhamma Theingi Daw Myint Myint Than and family of Mandalay will bear the cost of construction of the museum.

The museum will display equipment and relics of the royal palace in addition to the statues of the king and queen with the aim of enabling the new generation youth to have a wider knowledge about benefactor King Mindon and cultural heritage.

The 40 feet by 60 feet museum hall being built on an 80 feet by 60 feet land plot will be decorated with Myanmar handicrafts. Four corners outside the building will be kept with four statues of gods and the gate with mythical statues. The fencing of the compound will be installed with steel fixings. It is expected to complete the construction tasks in the last week of December 2014.

The wellwishers family donates construction of Pitakat Chamber, Maha Pathana ordination hall and Sudhamma Public Rest House in Mandalay.

Moreover, wellwishers donated construction of buildings at Bo Tree and golden throne, Sanu Hall, King Mindon museum, archways and installation of steel fixing for fencing at the park.

Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

Mandlay, 30 Oct — A ceremony to reorganize the Mandalay City Electricity Supply Board was held at the hall of Mandalay Region electrical engineer office in Mandalay on Tuesday.

Mandalay Region Electric Power and Industry U Kyaw Myint explained the purpose of reconstitution of the service organization.

At the ceremony, Mandalay City Electricity Supply Board was re-set up as Mandalay City Electricity Supply Corporation.

Managing Director U Myint Aung of Electricity Supply Enterprise under the Ministry of Electric Power explained the supply of electricity, procedure for transform of a corporation.

Mandlay 30 Oct — The MESB transformed to electricity supply corporation.

Haka, 30 Oct — Aiming at enhancing capacity of staff to be able to carry out social economic development of rural people, Chin State Rural Development Department organized the staff capacity building course 2/2014 at its hall in Haka, Chin State, on 28 October. U Ram Mahn, Chin State Minister for Planning and Economic, gave an introductory speech. Head of State Department of Rural Development U Htay Win explained the purpose of conducting the training course and Head of Chin State Fisheries Department U Paw Lwin, matters related to fisheries sector. Officials gave lectures on office letter writing, financial rules and regulations and policies of the government.

Atogether 19 staff from the rural Development Department and four from Fisheries Department, totalling 23 attended the course.—Chin State IPRD
**Myanmar to host Super Series**

**Myanmar 2014-2015**

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct — The International Sepak Takraw Championship “Super Series Myanmar 2014-2015” hosted by Myanmar for the first time will be held at Nay Pyi Taw Wunna Theikdi Gymnasium (B) from 30 October to 2 November.

The press conference on the championship was held at the media room of the gymnasium on Wednesday morning.


The Union minister, deputy minister U Thaung Hlaik, president of Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation U Soe Naing and the general secretary of ISTF made speeches and replied to queries raised by media.

Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Japan, South Korea, China and host Myanmar will take part in the men’s regu event. Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Japan, Indonesia and Myanmar will participate in the women’s event. Sky Net channel, Sport3 and Asta Sports Ventures (ASV) will broadcast live the competitions in the series to 80 global countries.—Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

**Public digital library service device installed at No 6 Industrial School**

MYINGYAN, 30 Oct — Staff Officer of Myingyan District Information and Public Relations Department Daw Hnin Yi, Head of Township IPRD U Zaw Min and staff installed a public digital library service device at No 6 Industrial School near Kokke Village in Myingyan Township of Mandalay Region on 29 October.

Staff Officer Daw Hnin Yi and staff demonstrated use of the machine and technology for downloading the files. Principle of the school U Han Nye Zaw Min Naing (Myingyan) in Swe expressed thanks for installation of the device.—Zaw Min Naing (Myingyan)

**Farmer gets temporary farming certificate for cultivation**

THATON, 30 Oct — Thaton Township Land Utilization Management Committee returned temporary permissions to owners of confiscated farmlands released by Ministry of Home Affairs on Wednesday.

Farmer Daw Naw Hla Thein applied for doing farming works on 23.01 acres of land in southeast field of Khway-machaung in Okpochaung Village-tract in Thaton Township of Mon State.

According to the decision of Mon State Land Utilization Management Committee, Chairman of the township committee Township Administrator U Tun Tun Naing presented temporary farming certificate to the owner farmer at the land utilization management committee meeting.

“I am very pleased for officially doing my farmland. This year, I have put the farmland under monsoon paddy. I know the permission form will be issued to me soon, so I thank all officials for their management,” said farmer Daw Naw Hla Thein.

Thet Oo (Thaton)

**Mandalay’s night scene beautiful with multi-coloured lightings**

MANDALAY, 30 Oct — Since early October, the walls, tiered roofs and archways on four sides of Royal Mandalay City are illuminated with LED lightings.

Mandalay City Development Committee and Dream Light Technology Company jointly carry out lighting at the walls for enabling globetrotters to enjoy illuminated night scenes of Royal Mandalay City.

Electricians of Building and Warehouse Department of MCDC and engineers of the company tested lightings to be installed at the southern and eastern parts of the walls in the early November when the Tazaungdaing festival will be held on a grand scale.

Flocks of globetrotters and local people enjoyed the lighting scenes at the walls, tiered roofs and archways on four sides of Royal Mandalay City and took photos.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

**Chinlone players to get great opportunity for training**

MANDALAY, 30 Oct — Myanmar Chinlone Federation sets an aim to develop Myanmar traditional Chinlone sport event and turn out new generation outstanding players to be picked out for the selected ones for the nation.

Arrangements are being made to build the world class Chinlone hall in Mandalay and Yangon, President of the federation U Soe Naing said in meeting with media at the Nay Pyi Taw Wunna Theikdi Gymnasi um on Wednesday morning.

A plan is underway to construct an international level Chinlone hall on one acre of land near Mandalay International Airport in Mandalay District.

Former selected Chinlone athletes will give training to the new generation players facilitated with accommodation, education and food at the new hall.

Likewise, a Chinlone hall will be constructed in Pale Myothit in Mingaladon Township in 2015.—Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

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Cambodia, Thailand vow to promote ties

PHNOM PENH, 30 Oct — Cambodian foreign minister Hor Namhong on Thursday held talks with his visiting Thai counterpart Tanasak Patimapragorn to discuss ways to broaden relations and cooperation between the two neighbours.

"Your visit is important to further enhance friendly ties and cooperation between our two nations," Hor Namhong said in a greeting speech.

Tanasak said Thailand and Cambodia are good neighbours like a family and it is vital to further develop bilateral relations for the benefits of the two countries and peoples.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Cambodian foreign ministry spokesman Koy Koong said the two top diplomats had touched on several topics, ranging from security cooperation along the border, illegal Cambodian labourers in Thailand and trade and economic development.

"The two sides agreed to prevent cross-border crimes," said the spokesman. "They also discussed a plan to open four more border checkpoints between the two countries to better serve tourists and trade activities.

"The spokesman said, to date, the two neighbours have opened six international checkpoints.

"The two ministers also agreed to set up a telephone hotline between them in order to discuss any urgent issue.

Tanasak arrived in Phnom Penh, capital of Cambodia, on Wednesday evening for a two-day visit.—Xinhua

Laos hosts ASEAN environment meeting

VIENTIANE, 30 Oct — The 15th Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (15th IAMME) officially opened here on Thursday.

In his opening speech, Lao Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the National Environment Committee Asang Laoly emphasized the value of dialogue in identifying and tackling environmental issues and challenges.

"We will review our current strategic plan and discuss measures to build our strong regional cooperation and to agree on the Strategic Framework for ASEAN Cooperation on Environment," Asang said.

"Our meeting today will also allow us to view the role of natural resources and environment which significantly contributed to the socio-economic development under the green growth framework and drive ASEAN to achieve sustainable development and poverty eradication."

The official highlighted the abundance of natural resources throughout ASEAN and the benefits of sustainable socio-economic development.

"Drawing parallels to the Laos, Asang stressed the importance of adequate provisions to protect the environment and stave off ecological disaster."

"I do hope to see our frank discussion on the concrete measures to increase the cooperation in ASEAN Community as well as with our dialogue partners towards the overarching goal of sustainable natural resources and environmental protection."

Meetings for the 15th AIMME started unofficially on 27 October and will conclude on 31 October.—Xinhua

Refrigeration of waste substances by food firms increasing in Japan

TOKYO, 30 Oct — Food companies in Japan are increasingly introducing programmes to recycle waste left in the production process.

Starbucks Coffee Japan Ltd launched a "food recycle loop" system in March to recycle coffee grounds brewed at its chain shops, using them as compost for vegetables and feed for cows. The vegetables grown and milk from the cows are served at the shops.

"Both sides agreed to provide the food recycling law requiring food companies to recycle waste substances if they produce a set amount of them, the programme is the first that uses coffee grounds."

Some 7,000 tons of used coffee grounds are produced from the nationwide Starbucks chain of some 1,000 shops per year. Joining hands with other firms such as a company that collects and processes the grounds into feed and compost, the recycling programme currently involves a limited number of shops in the Kanto region around Tokyo and the Kansai region with Osaka at the centre and in order to reduce the production of waste by 40 percent.

"I would like to make the mat into a core business" of Ito En offi–

Malaysia’s Anwar says hopeful, lawyers question DNA evidence

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 Oct — Malaysian opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim said on Thursday he was a victim of a conspiracy but was hopeful of winning an appeal against a sodomy conviction and five-year prison term that could stymie his political ambitions for good.

Anwar was the ruling party’s rising star in the mid-1990s before he fell out with then Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad.

Since then, Anwar has been beset by legal problems and spent several years in prison after being convicted of corruption and an earlier sodomy charge.

But the charismatic Anwar, who heads a three-party opposition alliance, remains the greatest threat to Malaysia’s political establishment. "Based on the facts and the law, I see no other possibility, no other options, except to acquit me of all these frivolous charges," Anwar told supporters outside the court after his legal team woun at his arguments. "Clear people can see now, with the evidence of fabrication, of conspiracy, of the powers that be," he said.

On Thursday, his lawyers questioned DNA evidence. They said a DNA sample taken from a male former political aide who in 2008 accused Anwar of sodomying him had taken 96 hours to reach a chemist and was contaminated and possibly tampered with. The government has rejected the notion of political interference in Anwar’s conviction saying Malaysia had an independent judiciary and the case was a matter for the courts.

A court convicted Anwar in March and sentenced him to five years in prison. Sodomy is illegal in Malaysia.—Reuters

Abu Sayyaf militants free child hostage in S Philippines

MANILA, 30 Oct — The terrorist group Abu Sayyaf released on Wednesday an 8-year-old girl whom they kidnapped more than three months ago in southern Philippines, a military official said on Thursday.

Lt Col Harold Cabunoc, spokesman of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, said the child was found at the Jolo wharf in Jolo town, Sulu Province.

Cabunoc said the child was snatched by four armed men from a store in her hometown of O lutanga, Zamboanga Sibugay Province, on 25 July last year.

She was later brought to Sulu Province, a known bailwalk of the Abu Sayyaf.

The Philippine military said the child was released due to the ongoing law enforcement operation against the militants. The military operation was launched on 17 October, the same day the Abu Sayyaf freed two German captives. Military officials said the terrorist group is currently holding nine hostages, including two European wildlife photographers who were nabbed in Tawi-Tawi Province in February 2012.—Xinhua

Photo shows products made from recycled tea leaves, which are known to have antibacterial and odor-killing effects.—KYODO NEWS

Photo taken on 29 Oct, 2014 shows the sign of APEC staged in Beijing Olympic Park.—Xinhua

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UNIC/Yangon

Chinese President Xi Jinping (R) and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai attend a signing ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing

BEIJING, 30 Oct — The United States welcomed China’s growing role in trying to ensure Afghanistan’s stability on Thursday, saying a Beijing conference of foreign ministers on an Afghan reconstruction this week shows its commitment to the region as Western troops pull out.

The comments, made by a senior State Department official, are rare US praise for Beijing, which this week hosts Afghan President Ashraf Ghani on his first visit abroad since assuming office in September. Washington and Beijing, which have typically contentious relations on geopolitical issues from Iran to the South China Sea, have both said they see Afghanistan as a point where their security interests converge.

On Tuesday, China pledged to give Afghanistan $327 million in aid through 2017, more than the $290 million contribution it has so far offered since the fall of the hardline Islamist Taliban regime in 2001. “China’s view of engaging in Afghanistan over the course of these past few years has really changed significantly, and in our view, in a very positive direction,” the official told reporters during a telephone briefing.

On Friday, foreign ministers from Asian and Central Asian countries will gather in Beijing for a fourth round “Istanbul Process” conference on Afghanistan, which China hopes will help boost development and security there. White House counsellor John Podesta will attend the meeting. “It’s a real demonstration of China’s commitment to Afghanistan, to its role in the region and one that we greatly welcome,” the official said.

Additional support on counter-terrorism “would be very valuable”, the official said, noting that improving coordination on “terror-finance” issues at the United Nations would be an area of US-China discussion in the future.

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South Korean court-martial jails soldiers in hazing death case

YONGIN, 30 Oct — A South Korean court-martial convicted four soldiers on Thursday of homicide for the beating death of a fellow conscript and sentenced them to long prison terms in a case that sparked an outcry about how enlisted men are treated. Private First Class Yoon Seung-joon, 20, died in April after more than a month of almost daily beating and other abuse. The case shocked South Korea, which maintains a military of about 630,000, many of them conscripts who serve about two years, and led to the resignation of the army chief of staff.

A panel of three military judges sentenced the four defendants to prison terms ranging from 25 to 45 years. The military prosecutor had sought the death penalty for one of them, a sergeant accused of being the main offender. The four did not speak in court on Thursday and their lawyers were not available for comment after the verdict. The defendants said earlier they had not intended to kill Yoon. Members of Yoon’s family, angered by what they regarded as a lesser charge of homicide, tried to rush the defendants after the sentences were handed down and had to be held back by military police.

“How is this not murder?” Yoon’s crying mother, Ahn Mi-ja, told reporters after the sentencing, “I’m going to leave this country. I can’t live here any more.”

Military prosecutors said they would appeal to seek tougher sentences. During the trial, witnesses testified that Yoon was beaten and denied food and sleep. The defendants had beaten and tormented him in the moments before he collapsed and died, one witness said.

Military leaders have pledged to reform the armed forces and the treatment of conscripts. Under changes introduced by military leaders, conscripts are allowed more visits at their bases and days off and barracks have been upgraded. — Reuters
Understanding learning as a resource for successful life

By Kyaw Thura

Increased voices for national education reform have hinted at an eagerness by the Myanmar people to contemplate how schooling should become radically different than old practices. It is widely accepted that active participation in a transition to democracy takes a level of literacy understanding learning as a resource for successful life.

It is worth noting the academic success of young people is of great help to the nation for economic, social and political reasons. It is therefore necessary to turn learning institutions into important places capable of equipping young people for success in modern society.

The education of the 21st century has called for new objectives of what students need, how learning should occur and who the learning is for, all of which are concerned with how to create learning environments that can guarantee students a quality education. It would be better if the new national education law could engage students in bringing their discrete skills learned at schools to deeper levels of understanding in real life so they would be ready for compelling challenges this century is likely to pose.

It is, however, understandable that the successful implementation of this dream education environment is not an easy task. No matter what, it is worth every bit of effort. School curricula should be designed to foster skills through diverse learning experiences that sharpen the ability of students to take on adult their roles with confidence and competence.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I fully agree with the observation of fellow reader of your paper, namely, U Khin Maung Myint, whose letter to the editor appeared in the paper on 28.10.2014. I have also noticed spelling, grammar and sentence composition mistakes mostly in the domestic and local news. I think these are the result of inefficiency on the part of the translators who translate the news items from Myanmar language into English. They sometimes translate directly with no regard of the nuances of English language. I have seen more than once phrases like "...the delegation has reached Manilla of Philippines" or "......Cairo of Egypt" which I think is the result of direct translation from Myanmar to English. This may imply that there are more than one Manila or Cairo. In English the correct expression should be "......Manila, Philippines" or "......Cairo, Egypt".

At a time when foreigners are coming into our country in ever-increasing numbers the standard of the country’s only English newspaper should be at parity, if not better than those of other regional countries. Not only in the use of language but also in the formatting and lay-out of the paper, we should improve ourselves gradually. It is regrettable to note that one cannot find weather forecast, rainfall inches and temperatures of main Myanmar cities in the GNLM on regular basis. It must be a regular feature of any newspaper.

I wish to share with fellow readers of GNLM one amusing typographical mistake that happened about forty years ago. In those days there were two English dailies in Myanmar, the Working People’s Daily and the Guardian and as I used to read both, I do not remember now in which one of the two I had noticed this error. At that time, Thanlyin was mentioned as “Syrian” in local English papers (like Pathein was Bassein, Sittwe was Akyab etc). After the 1973 Arab-Israeli war, conflict and war of attrition was going on in that region, involving Egypt, Syria and Israel. One day I was shocked to see a big heading in one of the two papers "ISRAELI JET FIGHTERS ENTER SYRIAN AIRSPACE". Obviously it was meant to be Syrian airspace. Just a little typo error made it hilarious.

KENNETH LEE, Pavedan Township, Yangon.

ACHIEVEMENT

Kyi Mun

Achievement means: (1) A thing that somebody has done successfully; especially using their own effort and skill:

(2) The act or process of achieving something. Synonym is accomplishment

- A = Abilities, Skills & Knowledge
- C = Commitment
- H = Hope & Courage
- I = Initiative
- E = Endeavour
- V = Vision
- N = Networking
- T = Timeline

ABILITIES, SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

Generally, ‘ASK’ can be in (3) kinds, namely Technical ‘ASK’, Conceptual ‘ASK’ and Interpersonal ‘ASK’. Nothing worthwhile can be achieved without the necessary capability, expertise and knowhow. An achievement is usually accomplished by ability on the one hand, and by willingness to do, on the other. ‘ASK’ only can achieve nothing, without making an effort. Even ‘ASK’ have to be accumulated by hard work. First you must be able to do something; then you have got to be willing to put forth an effort to achieve something.

COMMITMENT

Commitment means: (1) A promise to do something or to behave in a particular way; a promise to support somebody/something; the fact of committing yourself.

(2) The Willingness to work hard and give your energy and time to a job or an activity.

(3) A thing that you have promised to do or agreed to do or that you have to do.

(4) Agreeing to use money, time or people to achieve something.

ENDEAVOUR

Enthusiastic in doing or promoting something; a strong desire to do something; a deep desire; something for dealing with a problem.

VISION

Vision means: (1) The ability to see; The area that you can see from a particular position;

(2) An idea or a picture in your imagination;

(3) A dream or similar experience, especially of a religious kind;

(4) The ability to think about or plan the future with great imagination and intelligence.

SYNONYM

The Oxford Dictionary

VISION

Your vision is what you want to become in the future.

HOPE & COURAGE

Hope and courage can give a tremendous power of drive. If there is no hope and courage, a person must be said to be a paper tiger. It is ancient saying that hope is a shield, and courage is a sword. We should have the courage to hope, and hope to have courage under all circumstances.

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SANDY LIN

Editorial Coordinator
Myanmar, UNCTAD to promote partnership and cooperation

NAI PYI TAW, 30 Oct—The Chairman of the United Nations and International Organizations Relations Sub-committee Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin released a booklet on the occasion of the 28th United Nations Graduate from LDC status and status recognition. The union minister hosted a meeting at the UNCTAD secretariat general at the Asian Palace Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw in the evening.


NAI PYI TAW, 30 Oct—The ISTAF Super-Series Myanmar 2014-2015 kicked off at the IWT Photos on Thursday. Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tin Hsarn and the President of the National Olympic Committee Federation extended greetings. The Union minister presented gifts to the teams. In the debut, Myanmar played against Chinese team.

ASEAN Financial Inclusion Conference’s...

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Finance Deputies Meeting to be held soon and implementation of the outcomes will take place following the decision of ASEAN Finance Ministers’ Meeting in Malaysia next year, Daw Yin Yin Mya, the working group chair, told The Global New Light of Myanmar.

Myanmar Economic Bank MD Daw Yin Yin Mya reads out Yangon Outcomes for Financial Inclusion Conference hosted by Myanmar in Yangon for enhancing access to finance for people in the ASEAN region. PHOTO: YE MYINT

NAI PYI TAW, 31 Oct—U Kyaw Zwar Minn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Norway, presented his Credentials to His Majesty King Harald V of Norway.

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The AFFM, which was founded in November 2011 in accordance with the Labour Law, is a federation of over 500 farmers’ organizations and has a membership of hundreds of thousands, according to Vice President U Than Lwin.

The federation is also drafting a bill for farm land and land policy covering seven sectors related to farmers and inviting youths to participate in the federation.

“A bill for farmland and land policy will be submitted to the Hluttaw, the Supreme Court of the Union and the ministries concerned,” said President U Than Swe of the federation. At the congress, representatives discussed the election of new representatives for the congress, agribusiness, and rural areas and regions and the drafting of sound rules and regulations, procedures for the congress period, and financial system and the measures for development of socio-economic life of farmers.

At the congress, farmers elected a representative for each townships with at least 150 farmers while those with less than the 150 members were permitted to join with a similar township to elect a representative each.

Some representatives who attended the congress wanted settlement of land disputes while others representatives hoped to acquire knowledge and systematic use of fertilizers, soil test equipment and modern farming technologies.

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Achievement...

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EXCELLENCE

If you dare to dream a dream, you should dream to achieve EXCELLENCE in your chosen field. You have got to BEAT THE BEST which means DANTETSU in Japanese. You should aim to be No.1, it is usually said. Don’t dare to aim at becoming the No.1 in something.

MISSION

Mission means your Duty. It is a particular work that you feel it is your duty to do; e.g. their mission in life was to work with the homeless. Another important meaning is: REASON FOR BEING (IN BUSINESS, IN SOMOCUPLATION, OR IN LIFE TO BE ALIVE.) Mission can also mean to be a specially designated purpose such as a MISSION impossible.

Example, the reason for being a student is to pass the examination honorably. And the reason for being a manager of a business organization is: “to meet the needs of a customer profitably.” The mission of a medical doctor is to relieve pain or to cure a disease. The reason for being a parent is: “to grow the children to be responsible citizens with some good accomplishment in a productive life.”

EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

Parents should be able to meet or exceed expectations of the offerings. Husbands should meet or exceed the expectations of their Better-Halves and vice versa. Business should meet or exceed the expectations of their customers. And every citizen should meet or exceed the expectations of their Motherland.

NETWORKING

People live with people, for the people, by the people. No man can live alone like, Robinson Crusoe. Man is gregarious by nature. People should consistently be in touch with friends, relatives, workmates and customers. Business should be in constant communication with their customers and suppliers, etc. Profits come from customers and suppliers, etc. Networking with appropriate people is one of the most important requirements for success. People matter; people count. Live, mix and grow with people. And please don’t forget to love the people, just to be loved by them, at least.

TIMELINE

Everything should be done within the allotted time. Time is one of the most precious things in life. Manage your time with common sense. Time is always ticking away. Time and tide wait for no man. Ask a man on deathbed the value of time. Make time a good friend, and be a good friend to time.

CONCLUSION

Live a good life. Build a fine life. Try to make your life a MASTERPIECE of SIMPLICITY, FRUGALITY, DILIGENCE, BEAUTY, LOVE AND TRUTH.

U Kyaw Zwar Minn residing in Yangon is a consultant of NAING Group Capital Co.,Ltd.
Australia passes laws cracking down on foreign fighters

SYDNEY, 30 Oct — Australia has passed laws on Thursday aimed at preventing young people from becoming radicalized and going to fight in overseas conflicts such as those in Iraq and Syria, where scores of Australians have joined militant groups.

Last month, the United Nations demanded that all states make it a serious criminal offense for their citizens to travel abroad to fight with militant groups, or to recruit and fund others to do so, in a move sparked by the rise of Islamic State.

Security analysts have put the number of foreign fighters in Iraq and Syria, travelling from scores of countries around the world, in the thousands.

Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott told parliament at least 70 Australians were fighting in Iraq and Syria, with tickets purchased by about 100 Australia-based “facilitators”.

The government had cancelled the passports of about 70 people, Abbott said. “It’s to protect other countries who shouldn’t have to host Australians in tent on mayhem, and it’s to protect us, Madam Speaker, because Australians do have a right to come back to this country, and the last thing we should want is people on our streets who have been radicalized and brutalized by participation in terrorist activities overseas,” Abbott said.

Australia is on high alert for attacks by radicalized Muslims or by homegrown militants returning from fighting in the Middle East, having raised its threat level to high and undertaken a series of high-profile raids in major cities.

The government, which recently warned that the balance between freedom and security “may have to shift”, is also introducing controversial data retention laws it says are needed to tackle security and criminal threats.

Citizens and law enforcement say the laws go too far in compromising privacy, will be too costly and could open journalists and whistleblowers to hefty prison sentences. Reuters

US says working with Iraqi Kurdistan to stop Islamic State oil smuggling

SINGAPORE, 30 Oct — The United States is working closely with the Iraqi Kurdish and Syrian governments to clamp down on oil smuggling in a bid to cut off a key source of funding for Islamic State, a senior US official said on Thursday.

Islamic State militants have seized oilfields and refineries in northern Iraq and are smuggling oil through Syria to help finance their campaign.

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“It is of critical importance to the United States, the international community and to Kurdistan itself to see an increased effort to stop that smuggling.”

The Kurdish Regional Government (KRG) has arrested a number of people for smuggling, said Hoischtein, who is meeting with officials in countries neighbouring Syria and Iraq to stop the illegal oil flow, Reuters reported in July that Islamic State had sold oil via smugglers to Turkish traders at vastly discounted prices while some of the crude had also been refined in Syria and sold as gasoline in Mosul.

An oil ministry adviser had estimated in that in the first two weeks of July, Islamic State made nearly $1 million a day.

The United States is working with the KRG to identify oil routes, trucks and traders involved, and trying to block smuggling via border crossings and the purchase of gold, Hochstein said.

“The oil is being smuggled through different routes, into different countries,” he said. “So it has to be an entire value chain effort to stop Islamic State smuggling efforts.”

But oil routes keep shifting and coalition air-strikes have also changed the dynamic of the oil flow.

“The routes change, there’s some maybe going through Turkey, Iran, KRG and potentially through Jordan,” he said. “It’s not static and that makes it difficult but I think the effort is succeeding in slowing that process down.”

Hochstein was hopeful that the new government of Iraq could reach an agreement on oil exports from Kurdistan, Baghdad has claimed that Kurdish oil shipments are illegal.

“We believe that it would benefit all parties, if oil was exported from all parts of Iraq through agreement, that will expand the pie and therefore expand the revenues for all Iraqi people,” he said.

“We also believe that this is the right time, this is a great window of opportunity, for the two parties to get together and reach that agreement.”—Reuters

France investigates mystery drone activity over nuclear plants

PARIS, 30 Oct — France has launched an investigation into unidentified drones that have been spotted over nuclear plants operated by state-owned utility EDF, its interior minister said on Thursday. Seven nuclear plants across the country were flown over by drones between 5 October and 20 October, an EDF spokeswoman said, without any impact on the plants’ safety or functioning.

“If there is a judicial investigation under way, measures are being taken to know what these drones are and neutralise them,” Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve told France Info radio on Thursday, without specifying the measures.

The drone sightings may renew concerns about the safety of nuclear plants in France, one of the world’s most nuclear-reliant country with 58 reactors on 19 sites operated by EDF.

Activists from environmental campaigning group Greenpeace forced their way into the Fessenheim plant on the German border earlier this year and have a history of breaking into nuclear plants in France. Greenpeace denied any involvement in the pilotless flight activity.

“For all its actions, Greenpeace always acts openly and claim responsibility,” Yannick Rousselet, head of Greenpeace’s anti-nuclear campaign, said in a statement. “What is happening is very worrying,” he said, adding that France’s nuclear research institute CEA near Paris had also been flown over, citing unspecified sources.

EDF named the plants over which drones had been spotted as Creys-Malville and Bugey in the northeast, Gravelines in the north and Nogent-sur-Seine, the closest plant to Paris. The unmanned aircraft were spotted late in the evening, at night or very early in the morning. EDF said it was prohibited to fly less than 1,000 kilometres above nuclear plants and within a 5 kilometre radius.

Each plant has filed a formal complaint with the police against the anonymous people behind the drone flights.—Reuters

Israeli far-right activist shot and wounded in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, 30 Oct — A far-right activist was shot and wounded in Jerusalem on Wednesday as he left a conference promoting a Jewish campaign to permit praying at a flashpoint Old City compound holy to both Jews and Muslims, Israeli officials said.

Police confirmed that an unnamed man on a motorcycle had shot a Jewish man in his 50s outside the Menachem Begin Centre complex located near the walled Old City, and named for the late Israeli prime minister.

Jonathan Halevy, director of Shareai Tsedek Hospital, said the wounded man was in serious but stable condition, undergoing surgery for gunshot wounds in the chest and abdomen.

Israelis identified the man who was shot as Yehuda Glick, a US-born activist who is part of a movement to grant Jews permission to pray at the site known to them as Temple Mount and to Muslims as Noble Sanctuary.

The elevated marble and stone compound is the third-most sacred site in Islam and the holiest in Judaism, where two ancient Jewish temples once stood. It contains the 1st century al-Aqsa mosque and the golden Dome of the Rock, where the Prophet Mohammad is said to have ascended to heaven.

Seeking to avert friction, police took the exceedingly rare step of shutting the flashpoint holy site to all worshippers and visitors until further notice, after far-right Israeli activists urged adherents to respond to the shooting by heading en masse to the site on Thursday.—Reuters
First Iraqi Kurdish forces enter Syria’s Kobani: monitoring group

French soldier killed in clash with Islamist militants in Mali

Pakistan civilians flee as military steps up Khyber offensive on Taleban

Canada wrestles with low-key security approach after attacks
NATO’s allied command in Europe claims Russian Air Force showing unusual activity

Prosecutors launch probe into ex-minister’s funds irregularities

Ludvigsson: Serbia has a long way to go before joining EU

Produce news articles:

**A report alleged that four groups of Russian warplanes held exhibition maneuvers over the Baltic, North, and Black Seas, as well as over the Atlantic Ocean on 28 October and 29 October.**

**Prosecutors raided the office the same day as they launched a formal investigation into irregularities in the political funds reports of some lawmakers within the political body related to her.**

**It has been revealed from the funds reports of Obuchi’s support group and three other political bodies related to her that for the period between 2008 and 2011, expenses for outings to theaters and baseball games exceeded money booked as received from participants by a total of roughly 55.1 million yen.**

**Prosecutors launched a formal investigation on Thursday into irregularities in the political funds reports of groups related to former trade and industry minister Yuko Obuchi.**

**Prosecutors went through the home of Kenichiro Orita, the former aide who claims to have prepared the funds reports of some of the groups related to Obuchi. They have already questioned him on a voluntary basis.**

**It is growing. I urge donors to step up contributions to avert another famine in Somalia,” Ban said during a visit to the Somali capital on Wednesday.**

**In August, the UN humanitarian coordinator for Somalia Philippe Lazzarini said rapidly rising malnutrition and food shortages resembled the warning signs that preceded a 2011 famine in which about 260,000 people died. A month earlier, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs for Somalia said agencies were unable to meet the needs of 350,000 people who had fled to Mogadishu because they were hindered by a shortage of funds and by violence.**
Hawaii lava crosses residential property, threatens more homes

In this file photo, lava surrounds the home of Gary Sleik and ignites the staircase, Kalapana Gardens, Hawaii.—Reuters

PAROA, (Hawaii), 30 Oct — A slow-moving river of molten lava from an erupting volcano crept over residential and farm property on Hawaii’s Big Island on Wednesday after incinerating an outbuilding as it threatened dozens of homes at the edge of a former plantation town.

The lava flow from the Kilauea volcano has been slogging toward the village of Pahoa for weeks, moving at speeds of 10 to 15 yards (metres) an hour as it bubbled over a cemetery and reached the community’s outskirts.

As of late Wednesday morning, authorities reported the lava had advanced to within 250 yards of Pahoa Village Road, the main street through the town of about 800 people built on the site of an old sugar plantation.

Pahoa’s commercial district lies mostly to the south of the area in greatest danger, and most homes and businesses are believed to be out of harm’s way, based on the lava’s current trajectory, civil defence chief Darryl Oliveira said.

But residents of about 50 dwellings in what civil defence officials called a “corridor of risk” have been urged to be prepared to leave, and many have been slowly emptying their homes of furniture and belongings.

Oliveira told a news conference that officials had met about a dozen residents and business owners closest to the leading edge. He said all were prepared to leave, but added they intended to wait until the last minute before evacuating.

No mandatory evacuations have been ordered.

Oliveira added that 83 national guard troops were undergoing training and would be deployed to the community on Thursday.

“Besides anxiety, some residents, like Aaron Milewski, voiced resignation about the forces of nature they faced.”

“This energy is coming from the centre of the Earth, so you have to respect it,” he said.

Molten rock topping temperatures of 1,650 F (900 C) engulfed a storage shed on Tuesday but bypassed a rental house that was already evacuated, Oliveira said.

A slower-moving, narrower finger of lava then branched off the main flow and oozed back toward the abandoned home, crawling to within 100 feet (30 metres) of it on Wednesday, Oliveira said. It remained to be seen whether the house would be spared.

The main lava front continued to creep over adjacent farmland property, taking aim at a warehouse and home. Another property owner built a tall berm of soil and rock hoping to divert the approaching lava around his house.

The flow is expected eventually to reach the ocean, still 6 miles (10 km) away, authorities said.

Kilauea has erupted continuously from its Pu‘u O’o vent since 1983, with its latest lava flow beginning on 27 June. The last home destroyed by lava on the Big Island was at the Royal Gardens subdivision in Kalapana in 2012.—Reuters

WEATHER REPORT

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 31st October, 2014:

Weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Burma and Kachin State, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Tanintharyi Region, scattered in Chin State and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Upper Myanmar areas.

Yoyogi Park to reopen on receding risk of dengue infection

Tokyo, 30 Oct — Yoyogi Park in central Tokyo will reopen to the public on Friday after nearly two months of closure due to the low possibility there are still mosquitoes carrying the dengue virus, the Tokyo metropolitan government said on Thursday.

A large part of the park premises was closed on 4 September after visitors to the park developed dengue fever and virus-carrying mosquitoes were found there. The virus, which causes the fever, can be transmitted by mosquitoes.

The decision to reopen the park comes as the mosquito population there has fallen due to cold temperatures and no mosquitoes caught have tested positive for the virus since 18 September, according to the metropolitan government.

Given that mosquitoes are known to have a lifespan of 30 to 40 days, a metropolitan government official said, “It’s extremely unlikely for virus-carrying mosquitoes to remain in the park.”

The park, located in Tokyo’s Shibuya Ward and near the Harajuku district, a centre of Japanese youth culture and fashion, will reopen at 9 am.

Roughly 160 people have been infected with the virus in Japan since August, most of them believed to have gotten the virus at the park or its surrounding area.

In seeking to prevent a similar development next year, metropolitan government officials will now take such measures as spraying insecticide at fountains and other spots with water to keep mosquitoes from breeding. No domestic infection had been confirmed in Japan since 1945.

Kyodo News
**Kanye West turns down high paying Las Vegas show offer**

**Los Angeles, 30 Oct** — Kanye West reportedly turned down an offer to perform in Las Vegas for USD 4.5 million. West would have become the highest paid artist on the Las Vegas strip had he accepted the offer, reported TMZ. According to the written offer, West was required to perform 3 shows a week for 3 weeks at the Axis at Planet Hollywood. For that he was offered a whopping USD 500,000 per show.—PTI

**Slipknot tops Billboard album chart as Swift eyes big debut**

**Los Angeles, 30 Oct** — Heavy metal rockers Slipknot took the lead on the weekly US Billboard chart on Wednesday, a week ahead of Taylor Swift’s projected year’s biggest album opening.

“5: The Gray Chapter,” the second chart-topping record for Iowa-based Slipknot, sold 132,000 copies in its first week according to sales figures compiled by Nielsen SoundScan, and led seven new debuts in the Billboard top 10 this week.

Swift meanwhile released her first all-pop album “1989” on Monday to big fanfare, and it is already on course to be the year’s biggest album, opening with 1 million copies sold in its first week, Billboard said citing industry sources.

Rapper TI landed at No 2 with “Paperwork” selling 80,000 copies, while veteran singer-songwriter Neil Diamond landed at No 3 with “Melody Road” selling 78,000 copies.

Rapper Logic’s “Under Pressure” debuted at No 4, country music group Little Big Town’s latest album “Pain Killer” notched No 7 and a cappella group Pentatonix came in at No 8 with its festive record “That’s Christmas To Me.”

Pop veteran Annie Lennox rounded out the top 10 with “Nostalgia.”

Last week’s chart-topper, Florida Georgia Line’s “Anything Goes,” dropped to No 5 this week. For the week ending 19 October, overall album sales were down less than 1 percent from the comparable week in 2013 to 4.45 million, while year-to-date album sales tallied 193.4 million, down 14 percent from the comparable point last year.—Reuters

**Katy Perry celebrated 30th birthday with trip to Morocco, Paris**

**Los Angeles, 30 Oct** — Pop star Katy Perry visited Marrakesh and Paris with a group of about 30 friends to celebrate her 30th birthday. DJ and music producer Diplo, travelled with the group, and, once again, the romantically linked pair looked cozy, reported Us magazine.

“When they got off the plane (in Paris), Diplo was carrying Katy’s pillow for her and they stopped to pose for pictures together on the tarmac. They had their arms around each other, and she was resting her head on his shoulder. They both seemed tired after the weekend in Morocco,” a source said.

Prior to their Parisian outing, Perry, Diplo, and their close friends traveled around Morocco, having dinner on the beach in Marrakesh one night.—PTI

**I have no fear now: Katie Holmes post divorce from Tom Cruise**

**Los Angeles, 30 Oct** — Actress Katie Holmes has moved on from her divorce to Tom Cruise and does not want it to define her life.

“I don’t want that moment in my life to define me, to be who I am. I don’t want that to be what I’m known as. I was an actor before, an actor during and an actor now,” Holmes told People magazine in an interview.

The actress, 35, who is all set to turn director, says she wants to explore new challenges. “I don’t have any fear now. I don’t have a lot of rules for myself, and I don’t take myself that seriously,” said Holmes, who appears on the cover of the magazine. “I feel ready for new challenges,” she added.

Holmes is also reprising her role as Jackie Kennedy besides starring in ‘Miss Meadows’.—PTI

**I was nervous to deliver gender equality speech: Emma Watson**

**London, 30 Oct** — ‘Harry Potter’ star Emma Watson has admitted that she was “very nervous” before delivering her highly-praised speech on gender equality at the United Nations summit last month.

The 24-year-old actress and United Nations Goodwill Ambassador covers December’s Elle UK, the magazine’s inaugural feminism issue, which is focused on inspiring and empowering women.

“I was very nervous. It wasn’t an easy thing for me to do. It felt like, ‘Am I going to have lunch with these people, or am I going to be eaten? Am I the lunch?’, she said. Watson said her celebrity status had affected her decision to become an activist.

“Fame is not something I have always felt comfortable with; I have really grappled with it emotionally. And, in a funny way, doing this is my way of making sense of the fame, of using it. I have found a way to channel it towards something else, which makes it so much more manageable for me. And this is something I really believe in.”

PTI

**Emma Watson**

**Katy Perry**

**Taylor Swift performs “Mean” at the 46th annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas on 5 April, 2011.—Reuters**
Ferdinand suspended for three games for Twitter comment

Queens Park Rangers’ Rio Ferdinand

LONDON, 30 Oct — Queens Park Rangers defender Rio Ferdinand has been suspended for three matches and fined 25,000 pounds ($40,030) after he was found guilty of misconduct by the Football Association (FA) for an “abusive” comment he made on Twitter.

The 35-year-old was also ordered to attend an education programme as part of the punishment handed down following an Independent Regulatory Commission hearing.

The former England defender was found guilty of tweeting a remark, which was deemed “abusive and/or indecent and/or insulting and/or improper”, to a member of the public in September.

“It was further alleged that this breach was aggravated pursuant to FA Rule E3(2) as the comment included a reference to gender, “the FA said in a statement on Wednesday.

“Ferdinand was also fined 25,000 pounds, severely warned as to his future conduct and ordered to attend an education programme, arranged by The FA within four months. “

The tweet — which was broadcast to Ferdinand’s 5.9 million followers — used the word ‘sket’, which is a derogatory term defined as “a promiscuous girl or woman”.

The defender had been tagged in a message that read: “Maybe QPR will sign a good CB (centre back) they need one.”

Ferdinand, who played 81 games for England, was previously found guilty of improper conduct and fined 45,000 pounds in 2012 for comments he made on Twitter about Ashley Cole.

In 2013 the former Manchester United defender was appointed a member of FA chairman Greg Dyke’s England Commission aimed at improving English football.

The ban, subject to any appeal, means Ferdinand will miss struggling QPR’s Premier League fixtures against table-topping Chelsea, champions Manchester City and Newcastle United.

Reuters

Filled with artifacts, ancient Mexican tunnel may lead to royal tombs

MEXICO CITY, 30 Oct — A sacred tunnel discovered in the ancient Mexican city of Teotihuacan is filled with thousands of ritual objects and may lead to royal tombs, the lead Mexican archaeologist on the project said on Wednesday.

The entrance to the 1,800-year-old tunnel was first discovered in 2003, and its contents came to light thanks to excavations by remote-control robots and then human researchers, archeologist Sergio Gomez told reporters.

The site is located about 30 miles (50 km) northeast of Mexico City. The ruins have long been shrouded in mystery because its inhabitants did not leave behind written records.

The artifacts found inside the tunnel, located below the Temple of the Plumed Serpent, include finely carved stone sculptures, jewelry and shells.

An estimated 50,000 objects, 4,000 made of wood as well as scores of obsidian blades and arrow heads, provide clues into how the city’s priests and rulers conceived the underworld.

“Due to the magnitude of the offerings that we’ve found, it can’t be in any other place,” said Gomez, who works for Mexico’s national anthropology and history institute, referring to the possibility of finding royal tombs.

“We’ve been able to confirm all of the hypotheses we’ve made from the beginning,” he added, saying ongoing excavations could yield more major discoveries next year.

Reuters

Newcastle United’s Moussa Sissoko (3R) celebrates his goal against Manchester City during their English League Cup fourth round soccer match at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester, northern England on 29 Oct, 2014. — Reuters

Holdings City exit League Cup to resurgent Newcastle

LONDON, 30 Oct — Manchester City suffered a shock League Cup defeat at the hands of a reinvigorated Newcastle United, who reached the quarter-finals with a superb 2-0 away win on Wednesday that left the holders nursing the wounds of a bruising past eight days.

Newcastle’s 18-year-old winger Rolando Aarons struck in the sixth minute to hand the visitors the lead they needed to reach the last eight.

Newcastle capitalised on that lead early in the second half. Aarons who surged into the chasing pack of City defenders by the 20th minute, 12 minutes later, Newcastle centre back Fabricio Coloccini netted.

Newcastle’s lead was doubled moments later by Kashius Bigirimana.

For City’s John Terry, the match was over as his side continued to struggle to find the right balance and possession.

“At the break, our team was losing the ball too many times,” Terry said.

Adam Armstrong, City’s 19-year-old striker, handed Newcastle the lead on the hour mark.

At the final whistle, City were left with the task of bringing in the full-time whistle.

2-0 defeat to Newcastle is City’s worst result this season.

“Sorry for the fans,” Terry said.

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