Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Nov—President U Thein Sein encouraged agricultural staff carrying out the pollination of hybrid paddy seeds on a model plot in the township of Dakhinathiri in the Nay Pyi Taw council area here on Sunday morning, sources said.

President U Thein Sein presented uniforms to the staff, with Vice President U Nyan Tun and Union Minister U Thein Nyunt providing refreshments to farm labourers.

The president oversaw the harvesting of monsoon paddies on 3,000 acres of plot with the use of modern agricultural equipment.

In the township of Pyinnmana, the president observed villagers harvesting paddies on a model plot and tilling model paddy fields in a village, greeting and encouraging farmers in a friendly manner.

U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, briefed Vice President U Nyan Tun on agricultural undertakings, saying that combined efforts to urge farmers to use the same agricultural practices demonstrated on model paddy fields will double their income level and have dramatic effects on the reduction of poverty.

After receiving briefings by departmental officials, the vice president pointed out the need for systematic farming methods and the availability of quality seeds, which he said was important for farmers to enjoy better lifestyles alongside higher incomes. He urged agriculturalists to educate farmers on sustainable, effective and efficient use of cultivable land through successive generations.

YANGON, 2 Nov — Yangon Region Government is ready to help manufacture Chevrolet cars in Myanmar, Chief Minister U Myint Swe said at the Official Opening of Chevrolet Flagship 3S Showroom, one of the biggest car showrooms in the ASEAN, on Saturday.

Chevrolet has been a famous motor brand in Myanmar since the pre-war period and a joint-venture between General Motors and Pacific-AA Motor is now importing brand new left hand drives that are suitable for Myanmar.

The opening ceremony of the car showroom was attended by Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Senior Commercial Officer Mr James Golsen, Chairman and CEO of Pacific-AA Motor U Zaw Moe Khaing and President Mr Timothy Zimmerman of General Motors.

General Motors and Pacific-AA Motor donated 30 Chevrolet engines for technological universities and 22,390 footballs for middle and high schools in Myanmar.

The video of General Motors’ new model, Spin, was also presented at the opening ceremony.
Fire extinguishing drill conducted in Thaninthayi

THANINTHAYI, 2 Nov — A drill for fire extinguishing was conducted in Thaninthayi township, southern Myanmar, on 1 November.

With the supervision of Township Fire brigade Department, the training was carried out by the 20 staff members of administrative department, police force, municipal committee, Red Cross Society.

The firemen demonstrated using fire extinguishers and conducted the first-aid rehearsal, with the participation of locals.

Photo and News
Nantharyi-Htein Win (IPRD)

Life-saving equipment checked on ferries in Myeik

TANINTHARI, 2 Nov — Township administrative authorities, accompanied by local departmental officials, inspected safety measures being demonstrated by crew members on ferries in Myeik of Thaninthari Region on 30 October, sources said.

Crew members demonstrated to passengers how to use lifejackets and fire extinguishers in case of emergency, with authorities inspecting the quality of life-saving materials on ferries.

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Food & drug awareness raised in Thaninthayi Tsp

TANINTHAYI, 2 Nov — Thaninthayi Township Food and Drug Supervisory Committee has raised public awareness of the danger of prohibited food and drug in the township as from 29 October.

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Dwellers in Tamway Township hold communal Kathina festival

YANGON, 2 Nov — People in Ayoegon Ward in Tamway Township in southern part of Yangon held their first communal Kathina festival, the annual donation ceremony of Buddhists, on Sunday.

People donated religious items to Arainnama Thitsa Manaing monastery in Nyuanggon Village-tract in Hmawby Township, source said.

Judge accused of ‘delaying’ giving out exhibit

MOHNIN, 2 Nov — Representative of Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) has complained that Myohnin Township court delayed giving out exhibit of more than K4.8 million despite ten months after the prosecution in a robbery case.

The court sentenced three-year imprisonment to the robber who took away the money of plaintiff Aung Kyaw Myo who returned home after selling paddy in December 2013. At the order of township judge, Aung Kyaw Myo applied for taking out his money which were kept at the court as the exhibit. However, he has not received it until now.

U Phe Thaung, representative of Upper House, said: “I have submitted this issue to the Amyotha Hluttaw. The court procedures should not delay much longer.”

Mudon Myoma Library honours outstanding students

MUDON, 2 Nov — Mudon Myoma Library honoured outstanding students who won the matriculation examination for 2013-2014 Academic Year and passed the religious courses conducted by Ministry of Religion.

A total of 52 students were awarded prizes in cash and books. The committee for organizing the ceremony distributed an essay book which is a compilation of essays written by the outstanding students to those who attended the ceremony.

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Myanmar mily delegation arrives Belarus

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov — Myanmar military delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defense Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing arrived Belarus at 10 pm local time to pay a goodwill visit to the country.

They were welcomed at the Minsk International Airport by Major General Lotenkov, Deputy Minister for Defence; Mr Bykor Igor, vice-chairman of the defence and industry committee of Belarus; Mr Andrey Greschkovich, Director-General of the Foreign Ministry of Belarus; and Dr Aung Moe Myint, honourable counselor of Myanmar to Belarus.

The delegation left Yangon International Airport on 1 November and arrived at DME Airport in Moscow, Russia, at 6.20 pm local time for transit to Belarus.

At the DME airport, the Commander-in-Chief held talks with Mr Alexander Fomin, Chairman of Russia-Myanmar Military Technical Cooperation Joint Commission, over boosting military technical cooperation between the two countries.

Also present at the meeting were Myanmar Ambassador to Russia U Tin Yu, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Ye Nang Myo, Mr Drojor, Vice-Chairman of the joint commission and officials. — Myawady

Beyond Access Myanmar to modernize libraries

UNION Minister U Ye Htut greets foreign guests at launching ceremony of the Beyond Access Myanmar project.

Photo: Tin Aye (IPRD)

NAW NPY TAW, 2 Nov — Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann met locals in Kanyutkwin in Pyu Township at the monastery.

Also present were Vice Speaker of Bago Region Hluttaw U Win Myint Oo, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Nyunt Hlaing, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U TheNaing Oo and officials.

At the meeting, Thura U Shwe Mann said Kanyutkwin has developed in health, social and economic sectors noticeably and urged the locals to nurture their children to become intellectuals for regional development and poverty reduction.

Afterwards, Thura U Shwe Mann presented clothes and gifts to local people.

Then, Thura U Shwe Mann inspected the site for township hall in Pyu. — MNA

Union minister inspects upgrading and construction of roads and bridges

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov — Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin inspected the Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section of Yangon-Mandalay expressway, Mandalay-Shwebo-Sagung road and the Shwebo-Kathia section of Shwebo-Myitkyina road on 1 November.

Chief Engineer U Hla Tun Oo reported to the union minister on the upgrading of Shwebo-Inaw-Naba-Myitkyina road at Kyauktan worksite. The union minister gave instructions standards of upgrading tasks.

Then, the minister and party arrived at the construction site of Ayeyawady Bridge (Hteegyaint). Engineers reported to the union minister on construction of approach way and piles for the bridge. The union minister gave instruction on timely completion of the bridge.

Afterwards, the union minister inspected the upgrading of Mandalay-Tagaung-Bhamo-Myitkyina road and construction of bridges along the road. — MNA

Photo shows Ayeyawady Bridge (Hteegyaint) which is under construction. — MNA
India’s Modi vows to bring back ‘black money’

New Delhi, 2 Nov — India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday he was committed to bring back funds illegally deposited in banks outside the country to avoid tax, widely referred to as “black money.”

In his second radio address to the nation since coming to power in May, Modi said the money stashed abroad illegally belonged to the poor of the country.

“The issue is an article of faith for me,” Modi said in his speech that was aired live by various public and private radio channels.

Illegal deposits abroad cost India billions of dollars in lost revenue and Modi had earlier promised his government would change laws or enact new measures to bring back such funds. On taking office, he appointed a panel to investigate the matter.

Modi said he did not know how much black money was deposited in banks overseas, but Washington-based think-tank Global Financial Integrity has estimated that India suffered $344 billion in illicit fund outflows between 2002 and 2011.

The government has already submitted a list of people with illegal foreign bank accounts to the Supreme Court of India, which is monitoring the case.

“From what I am understanding and based on the information I have, I am telling you that we are in the right direction,” he said in his address, which lasted for about 20 minutes.

Modi said he would take up the case of drug addiction in his next address.

Nursing home for elderly in Tokyo exhibiting works by young artists

Tokyo, 2 Nov — A nursing home for the elderly that aims to enrich the lives of residents by exhibiting works by young artists has opened in Tokyo.

Charm Care Corp., an Osaka-based company that operates over 20 nursing homes for the elderly in the Kansai region of western Japan, recently built Charm Suite Shukuiji Koen in a residential area of Nerima Ward, its first foray into the Tokyo metropolitan area.

Around 100 works by art students are on display in the hallways and inner court of the nursing home, which residents began occupying in early September.

One day in late September, residents, their relatives and staff formed groups to discuss the drawings and sculptures.

“I enjoy studying the various drawings,” said 84-year-old resident Kimiko Uchida, adding she wants to find one that matches her state of mind.

A resident in his 70s, who has trouble walking, likes to imagine where each painting was drawn. “I feel younger in the presence of the students’ works,” he said.

Takahiko Shimomura, 71, president of Charm Care, proposed building a nursing home for the elderly “like an art gallery” in the summer of 2013 and sought advice from his friend Koji Kinutani, a painter and professor emeritus at the Tokyo University of the Arts.

Kinutani welcomed the idea as it would not only benefit the residents but provide an opportunity to nurture young artists.

The company then solicited works in cooperation with Kunimaru’s university as well as Tama Art University and Joshibi University of Art and Design.

All of the works on display at Charm Suite Shukuiji Koen were produced by art students and graduates in their 20s.

Ayaka Furui, 26, whose 3.3-metre-tall steel sculpture titled “Apartment” stands in the inner court, said, “I wanted to produce a work close to people’s lives so it could always be seen by them.”

Charm Care has published a photo book of the artwork exhibited at Charm Suite Shukuiji Koen.

“I hope this home will become a lively place where people can understand each other,” Kinutani said in a message contributed to the book.

Bangladesh tribunal sentences 2nd Jamaat leader to death within week

Dhaka, 2 Nov — A Bangladesh war crimes tribunal on Sunday sentenced a second Islamist party leader to death within a week for crimes stemming from the 1971 war of independence from Pakistan.

The tribunal handed down the guilty ruling against Mir Quasem Ali, four days after Jamaat-e-Islami leader Motiur Rahman Nizami was sentenced to death for crimes against humanity committed during the nine-month war, which ended with the emergence of Bangladesh as an independent state.

According to the prosecution, Mir Quasem was head of the Jamaat student wing in the port city of Chittagong. He allegedly set up torture chambers in Chittagong, where pro-independence activists were tortured and killed.

Mir Quasem ranked third under Nizami, the supreme commander of the militia group Al-Badr, a paramilitary wing of the Pakistan army, during the 1971 independence war.

Mir Quasem, 61, was indicted on 5 September last year on 14 counts, including charges of murder, abduction and torture.

Owner of the Bengali newspaper Naya Diganta and the Diganta television channel as well as a key figure of Jamaat, Mir Quasem was arrested at his newspaper office in Dhaka on 17 June last year.

Justice Obaidul Hassan, head of the No 2 International Crimes Tribunal, pronounced the ruling in the presence of Mir Quasem, who was brought to the Dhaka central jail on Friday from the Kashimpur jail in Gazipur for the announcement.

The verdict came amid a three-day general strike called by Jamaat after the war crimes tribunal handed down the death sentence to Nizami.

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For Obama and Xi, fight against Islamic State a brief moment to agree

BEIJING / WASHINGTON, 2 Nov — When the United States and China discuss cooperating against Islamic State later this month, the most prominent outcome is likely to be less criticism of each other’s anti-terrorism policies.

Both countries have flagged that President Barack Obama and President Xi Jinping will discuss the issue when they meet on the sidelines of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Beijing.

Cooperation like sharing intelligence will be difficult. And China will not commit troops or weapons.

But simply seeing eye-to-eye on the problem of Islamic State can pay political dividends, experts say, as the United States launches air strikes against the ultra-radicals in Iraq and Syria and China faces condemnation of its hardline tactics in its western Xinjiang region.

“You’re mostly likely to see China sit back and not criticize the United States. That is what cooperation looks like,” said Philip Potter, an assistant professor at the University of Virginia who studies global terrorism.

In return, Beijing would value more recognition from Washington of what Chinese authorities say is the threat of militant Islamic separatists in its far western province of Xinjiang. China charges that a group called the East Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM) is seeking to set up a separate state in Xinjiang, home to the Muslim Uighur ethnic minority.

Rights groups and Uighur exiles dispute the extent of the ETIM threat, and argue that economic marginalization of Uighurs is one of the main causes of violence there.

Washington deemed ETIM a terrorist organization in the wake of the 11 Sept, 2001 attacks, but a few officials in the US government have privately questioned the extent of the organization’s influence in Xinjiang.

However, some experts note that the United States’ rhetoric on the group may be swinging back in favour of Beijing.

“The United States stands by its decision to designate ETIM a terrorist organization by executive order in 2002. Furthermore, we support the UN designation of ETIM,” Daniel Russel, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, told Reuters.

Russel, however, noted that Chinese government measures in Xinjiang “stoke discontent” and dismissed the idea that there was a shift to lend Beijing’s policies more credibility in return for less criticism from China on US operations in Syria in Iraq.

“I reject the implicit premise that there’s a quid pro quo for China’s cooperation against ISIL. We believe China should continue and expand its contribution to the international efforts against ISIL because it is in China’s interest to do so,” Russel said.

China has significant energy interests in Iraq and its state media has reported that militants from Xinjiang have sought training from Islamic State fighters for attacks at home.

Both countries have expressed humanitarian and reconstruction assistance in Iraq, pledges not lost on the United States. Still, China has often pressured Washington to abandon “double standards” when it comes to combating extremists.

“The fight against ETIM is a component of the global fight against terrorism. We hope for the support of the international community,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei told reporters on Thursday.

Beyond that, China has been vague in public about what it hopes for in cooperation with the United States.

Asked if it would work with the United States to limit financial transactions by militant groups, Hong said China wanted to treat the “cause and symptoms of terrorism.”

— Reuters

Russian humanitarian aid reaches Ukraine’s self-proclaimed republics

DONETSK, (ROSTOV region), 2 Nov — A truck convoy of the Russian Ministry for Emergency Situations has delivered another batch of humanitarian aid for self-proclaimed Donetsk and Lugansk people’s republics.

Tracks with medical cines and building materials, badly needed for the restoration of the war-torn regions, are being unloaded in the administrative centre of Donetsk.

More than 50 trucks with more than 500 tons of humanitarian aid have also safely reached the city of Lugansk, deputy head of the emergencies ministry’s National Crisis Management Centre Oleg Voronov told TASS.

Warehouse for fuel, building materials and food had been prepared in advance in Lugansk and Donetsk.

On 31 October, emergency ministry drivers delivered in Donbas (the Donetsk and Lugansk region) about 1,000 tons of relief aid, shared equally between the embattled regions.

This is a fifth Russian humanitarian convoy for Ukraine’s southeast. The first three brought to Donetsk and Lugansk a total of 6,000 tons of foods, including cereals and canned foods, and also medical supplies, electricity generators, warm clothing, and bottled drinking water.

As the cargoes were selected, the needs of socially important facilities, such as hospitals, schools and child-care centres, as well as power generating facilities’ demand for fuel were taken into account above all.

—itar-Tass

G20 Summit to boost stronger global growth: Australian PM

MELBOURNE, 2 Nov — Prime Minister Tony Abbott said on Sunday the upcoming G20 Summit in Brisbane will focus on achieving economic growth. “At this G20 Summit, our focus will be on building a stronger world economy,” he said in a video speech released online.

“Because economic growth means more jobs, higher living standards and governments that are better able to reduce tax and fund better services,” he added.

Abbott stressed that during the world’s most important economic forum, the focus of discussion will be placed on the fundamentals of the economy: trade, infrastructure, tax and banking.

The discussions will include the world-wide infrastructure gap, reducing tax avoidance by global companies, and increasing participation in the workforce, he said.

Australia has already secured an agreement that the G20 countries will aim to boost their collective economic growth by 2 percent above what is currently expected over the next five years, according to Abbott.

The summit, scheduled on 15 and 16 November, will gather leaders from 20 major economies with 4,000 delegates and 3,000 media to Brisbane, the capital city of Queensland. The G20 countries represent about 85 percent of the global GDP, 75 percent of international trade, and two-thirds of the world’s population.

“This will be the largest ever gathering of world leaders in our history, and it is the culmination of Australia’s presidency of the G20,” said the prime minister.

—Xinhua

Lebanese army seizes weapon depot in Tripoli

BEIRUT, 2 Nov — The Lebanese army said on Saturday it has seized a large weapon depot in Bab el-Tebbaneh, the Sunni neighbourhood of the northern port city of Tripoli.

The Guidance Directorate said in a statement that “an army unit detected suspicious movements on Saturday in Abi Samra where individuals were transporting boxes in a suspicious manner. According to this information, an army force raided the location and large quantities of various weapons were found.”

It also said “these weapons include RPG launchers, sniper rifles and various ammunitions.”

The confiscated items were handed to the competent authorities and investigation is underway under the supervisory of law.”

The military said in another communiqué that “eight Lebanese were apprehended for involvement in shooting attacks and tossing grenades at military posts.”

It added that “it also arrested six suspicious Syrians who had been wandering in Tripoli without proper identification.”

The army has been carrying out large-scale raids since last week’s battles with extremists in Tripoli and the region of Minieh in search for suspects. Scores of militants were arrested.

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Chinese President Xi Jinping speaks during his meeting with US President Barack Obama (R), on the sidelines of a nuclear security summit, in The Hague on 24 March, 2014. — Reuters
**Netanyahu urges lawmakers’ restraint over Jerusalem’s Aqsa mosque**

_**Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Saturday urged lawmakers to show restraint over Jerusalem’s al-Aqsa mosque, which has been at the heart of rising tension with the Palestinians in recent weeks. Daily clashes between Israeli security forces and Palestinians in the streets of East Jerusalem and the al-Aqsa compound, known to Jews as the Temple Mount, have been stoking fears of a new Palestinian Intifada, or uprising.**_

In a sign of concern that the situation could escalate, Netanyahu called in a statement “on all Knesset members to calm tensions regarding the Temple Mount and show responsibility and restraint.”

The Palestinians say Israel is looking to change the delicate status quo at al-Aqsa, the third-holiest site in Islam and the most holy in Judaism.

Under the rules governing access to al-Aqsa, which is administered by Jordanian religious authorities, Jews are allowed into the compound but are not permitted to pray.

Netanyahu has said Israel has no intention of altering the status quo, but far-right activists and lawmakers have been pushing for Jewish worship at the site.

Israel police often restrict access to al-Aqsa when concerned about possible violence there, only letting in women and Muslim men over the age of 40 or 50.

Shortly after Netanyahu’s statement, one leader of the campaign for Jewish worship, Likud lawmaker Moshe Feiglin, said on Twitter he would be heading to the complex on Sunday. Police said Palestinians threw a pipe bomb on Saturday at forces on patrol near a mosque in the East Jerusalem neighbourhood of Shuafat, causing no injuries.

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**Burkina Faso opposition parties, African Union reject army takeover**

_**Ouagadougou, 2 Nov** — Burkina Faso’s opposition parties, the United States and the African Union rejected the army’s seizure of power in the West African country on Saturday after the resignation of President Blaise Compaore, setting the stage for fresh street protests._

The military top brass named Lieutenant Colonel Isaac Zida, deputy commander of the elite presidential guard, as head of state on Saturday. A power transition — belongs to the leadership of the transition would be decided in 90 days. However, the army said it would discuss the situation with opposition parties and civilian authorities. Washington could freeze military cooperation if it judges the explosive devices were used by police to disperse riots, authorities have said. Used by police to disperse riots, the explosive devices were used by police to disperse riots.

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**French police clash with demonstrators over protester death**

_**Nantes/Toulouse, 2 Nov** — French riot-control officers clashed with hooded demonstrators in Nantes and Toulouse on Saturday, a week after the death of a young activist apparently killed by a police grenade._

Several police and protesters were injured as both demonstrations descended into running battles between protesters hurling projectiles and riot police firing tear gas.

The violence erupted after several hundred people gathered in each city to protest the death of Rémi Fraisse, 21, who was found dead on 26 October with a wound to his back, after a standoff between police and opponents of a dam project in the Testet wetlands, near the southern city of Toulouse.

Tests on his clothing and backpack suggest Fraisse was killed by a so-called “offensive grenade”, authorities have said. Used by police to disperse riots, the explosive devices were not previously thought capable of causing death.
Iraqi Kurds join fight against Islamic State in Kobani

BEIRUT/MURSITPINAR, 2 Nov — Iraqi Kurdish fighters have joined the fight against Islamic State militants in Kobani, hoping their support for fellow Kurds backed by US-led air strikes will keep the ultra-hardline group from seizing the Syrian border town.

Iдрiss Nasn, deputy minister for foreign affairs in Kobani district, said Iraqi Kurds using long-range artillery had joined the battle on Saturday night against Islamic State, which holds parts of Syria and Iraq as part of an ambition to redraw the map of the Middle East.

“The peshmerga joined the battle late yesterday and it made a big difference with their artillery. It is proper artillery,” he told Reuters.

“We didn’t have artillery we were using mortars and other locally made weapons. So this is a good thing.”

At least 23 killed as Yemen troops battle al-Qaeda in Hodeidah

SANAA, 2 Nov — Twenty Yemeni soldiers and three suspected al-Qaeda militants died in clashes on Saturday in the town of Jabal Ras in Yemen’s western province of Hodeidah, local officials and residents said.

Fighting has flared in different parts of Yemen since the Houthis, a group of Shi‘ite Muslim rebels, rose to dominance in recent weeks, partially in Sunni areas of western Iraq, where it has been executing hundreds of members of a tribe that resisted its territorial gains.

In addition to their deployment to Kobani, the Kurds are waging their own battle against the Sunni militants in Iraq.

While the Kurds have

Islamic State kills 85 more members of Iraqi tribe

BAGHDAD, 2 Nov — Islamic State has executed 85 more members of the Albu Nimr tribe in Iraq, a tribal leader and security official said on Saturday, part of a mass killing campaign launched last week to break local resistance to the group’s territorial advances.

Tribal chief Sheikh Nazeem al-Ga‘oud told Reuters Islamic State had killed 50 members of Albu Nimr who were fleeing the group in Anbar Province on Friday. A further 35 bodies were found in a mass grave, a security official said.

Gunmen ambush police in northwest Kenya, at least 10 dead

NAIROBI, 2 Nov — Unidentified gunmen ambushed and killed at least eight Kenyan police officers in Turkana county in the northwest of Kenya early on Saturday, with another 12 officers were feared dead, police said.

Two civilians were also killed, the police said, but did not provide details on their identities, nor did it say anything about a possible motive for the attack.

Cattle rustling and clashes over grazing and farming land are common in arid areas of eastern Africa and these can escalate. An influx of weapons from abroad, in particular from Somalia, has intensified the ferocity of these conflicts in recent years. “The police officers who were involved in a security operation in Kapeto area in Turkana County were ambushed by an unknown number of armed raiders,” a police spokesperson Masoud Mwinyi said in a statement.

“The officers engaged the raiders in a fire fight which resulted in the death of eight officers and two civilians. Twelve officers are missing and feared dead.”

Mwinyi said reinforcement had been sent to the area to help with pursuing the attackers. The attack comes one week after bandits in the same area targeted a vehicle ferrying examination materials to a school in the region.

Kenyan television stations reported that the number of dead police officers stood at 22 and that a truck they were travelling in was burnt down.
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Glory of Myanmar expected in near future

By Aung Khin

Myanmar has early civilization dating back to 1st century with archaeological evidences of the Pyu Kingdoms of Srikestra, Beikthano and Hanlin. Its ancient architectural skills and cultures could compare with western civilizations.

The first Myanmar Empire was founded in early 11th century by King Anawrahta. Under the administration of this mighty king, Myanmar possessed great powers in the region in term of literature, culture, prosperity and military. Since that time, Myanmar has faced foreign intruders who carried out offensive acts to the country as it possesses vast natural resources from the north to south of the country. Colonial countries and anarchists then invaded Myanmar without considering the fundamental rights and simplicity of Myanmar people.

A large amount of natural resources were humanely brought away, leaving the country with civil conflicts out of their dividing rules. Misunderstanding and mistrust among the national brethren have led to chilly relations each other. From mountainous areas to coastal regions, Myanmar ethnics are still being instigated by some economies, rather than sincere support of national reconciliation.

It is undeniable that Myanmar is tainted with corruption, protectionism, lower education and even with poor management. These chronic problems cannot be rooted out immediately. The fundamental issues to solve these problems include knowledge and education.

Some of the bitter experiences or silly management should be left behind. Myanmar still possesses pristine environments, civilized people, and competitive human resources. It is not too late get back its glory in the past. However, both external powers and internal forces are crucially important for the golden future of Myanmar with total sincerity.

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Perspectives

By Kyi Mun

People centred energy policy

Energy policies made now will define Myanmar’s next few decades. They must be designed with the actual needs of citizens in mind.

David Allan

We all know that energy is crucial for Myanmar’s development – and especially for the poor. Light so children can study after dark, more accessible energy for cooking (meaning less time collecting firewood) and village health clinics with electricity so they can refrigerate medicine. But while the health and education sectors are often seen through a people centred development lens, energy is not. And because of this, it can get caught up in technical goals – like rates of electrification – rather than starting with the actual needs of Myanmar’s citizens. In other words, it can tend to miss the forest for the trees.

I think that bringing development thinking back into Myanmar’s energy planning is really important and will give fresh perspectives on possible ways forward.

The first thing to recognise is that Myanmar’s single biggest energy need is not industry but household cooking. In fact household cooking makes up more than three quarters of Myanmar’s total energy use. So making cooking more efficient – for example through wider use of fuel efficient stoves and finding better ways for using wood as fuel – could have an enormous impact. But at the moment there is little strategic thinking about how this can happen.

The next most important thing is lighting. Current planning is focussed on improving this through wider access to a national electricity grid (which currently only serves around a quarter of the population). But focussing only on a centralised grid will be costly and time consuming. And the major-
Union ministers inspect tasks for stability and development of Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov—Union Ministers U Soe Than, U Tin Naing Thein and U Khin Yi met members of Rakhine State Government, officials and town elders at U Uttara Hall on 1 November morning. Union ministers explained the measures being taken for the stability and development of Rakhine State and heard reports on health, education, agriculture, livestock breeding, development of meat and fish sector, development of ports and water transportation, dredging of Sautyoka Creek, job opportunities, vocational training, recruiting and training teacher for primary schools and nurses, construction of roads, bridges and houses and electricity supply in Rakhine State.

In the afternoon, the union ministers inspected the construction of Ponnakyun-Kyauktaw road, water supply from Shaukchaung Reservoir, the power station and arrangements for electricity distribution to Sitway, Myohaung and Ponna-kyun and gave instruction on construction of Ponnakyun Industrial Zone and water supply for Ponnakyun and storage of rain water.

In the evening, the union ministers viewed the training camp where about 20 students were undergoing training for the opening ceremony of Rakhine traditional wrestling competition at Waithali stadium.—MNA

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 2 Nov—More than 165 exhibitors from 27 countries and international pavilions from China, South Korea, Singapore and Thailand are at the second edition of Construction, Power & Mining Myanmar 2014 in Yangon from November 30 to construct Myanmar’s potential in building, electric power and oil and gas sectors. Bangkok Exhibition Services Ltd organized the three-in-one exhibition that will run for three days, along with the 1st International Mining Myanmar Conference and introduction of new products, technologies and solutions by exhibitors.

Justin Pau, general manager of Bangkok Exhibition Services Ltd, told The Global New Light of Myanmar that many companies returned for the second edition of the exhibition. “Companies came and looked at the local market in the first edition and the companies returned for the second edition because of the genuine business opportunities in the market,” he said comparing the first event with the second.

He said that the second event, which was joined by new exhibitors, shows that the potential of the Myanmar market is true.

All three industries are very strong, offering huge potential to continue to grow as construction is booming in Myanmar and many changes are happening in the creation and generation of power and distribution, and mining is one of the key industries in Myanmar, the BES general manager added.

According to Myanmar’s Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, 772 foreign companies have so far invested more than US $49.4 billion across 12 sectors, including oil and gas, manufacturing, mining, hotels and tourism, transport and logistics, real estate, livestock and fisheries, agriculture, construction and services.

Construction, Power & Mining Myanmar 2014 draws local and international exhibitors in high number

Construction, Power & Mining Myanmar 2014 in Yangon’s Myanmar Convention Centre where local and international exhibitors from the construction, power and mining sectors showcase new machines, equipment, technologies and solutions at second edition of Construction, Power and Mining Myanmar 2014 industry event.—PHOTO: YE MYINT

Myat Parami Philanthropic organization donates glasses to the aged

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov—Myat Parami Philanthropic organization located at Wunna Theikdi Ward in Nay Pyi Taw donated glasses to 18 aged people with eye complaint on Saturday. The organization also sponsored eye surgery of five aged people who went eye operation at 1000-bed hospital in Nay Pyi Taw. Led by Chairman U Aung Kyaw Oo, the organization is willingly participating in the Philanthropic tasks. Aged people with eye complaints may contact the organization for assistance. Those wish to donate cash may also contact the chairman at phone number 09 49 31 99 60.

Min Min Latt

Hsindewa (Thametku) dam benefits farmlands in arid zone

According to Myanmar’s Directorate of Irrigation and Drainage, the Hsindewa (Thametku) dam in Ward in Nay Pyi Taw is true.

Hsindewa (Thametku) dam benefitted 300 acres of paddy fields and 500 acres of other crops.

Zaw Min Naing (Myingyan)
FAW-Volkswagen demanded to submit recall materials

BEIJING, 2 Nov — China’s quality watchdog demanded joint-venture FAW-Volkswagen submit new materials to verify the effectiveness of a latest recall due to defective rear axles.

On 17 October, the company announced a recall of more than 581,000 cars, including its New Sagitar and Beetle vehicles, as the trailing arm of the rear axles could rupture in certain scenarios. It offered to place a metal plate in the trailing arm to ensure the proper operation in case of a rupture.

However, the move aroused the dissatisfaction among car users who had hoped for a more thorough solution by replacing the whole rear suspension. Protests also spread to owners of major cities, including Shanghai and Shenzhen.

China’s General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) said in a statement on 2 November that its defective product management centre has ordered the company to provide further materials for verifying the recall measures’ effectiveness.

AFRICA

Days after waving to US envoy, Liberian boys are Ebola free

New York, 2 Nov — Just a few days after Solomon, 14, and Joe, 11, stood in t-shirts and pyjama pants waving as envoy Samantha Power visited an Ebola treatment unit in Liberia, their recovery was complete — they tested negative for the hemorrhagic fever.

“Solomon and Joe went home,” said US nurse Bridget Mulrooney on Saturday, who works with the unit run by International Medical Corps in Bong County, about 200 km (120 miles) east of Liberia’s capital Monrovia.

Power, accompanied by US public health experts, visited the treatment unit on Tuesday and was so impressed by the facility. She traveled to Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea to assess the global response to the worst outbreak of Ebola in history.

From a distance, Joe and Solomon watched and waved at Power’s delegation from behind a neon orange fence at the “red zone” of the treatment unit.

US Navy Lieutenant Commander Benjamin Espinosa delivered the news to the boys on Friday that they were better, said International Medical Corps communications officer in Liberia Stuart Sia. Both Joe and Solomon went home to their villages on Saturday afternoon to be cared for by family, Sia said.

Espinosa, himself a father-of-four, is the officer-in-charge of a mobile laborato- ry set up in Bong County a few weeks ago that has cut sample testing times to five hours from five days.

But Solomon’s 7-year-old ‘social sister’ Christine, who’s mother raised Solomon as her own, is still fighting the virus that has gripped Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea, killing some 5,000 people and infecting thousands more.

“Christine is up and down. Ebola and children is harsh. We want her to pull through, but her tiny body is ravaged. She is eating and walking, and she hasn’t done much of either in weeks,” Mulrooney told Reuters in an email.

Epidemiologists though in the past few days left the nurses confident that Christine will recover, said Sia in an email. Solomon and Christine both arrived at the treatment unit about two weeks ago from John Obi in Margibi County, he said.

However, Christine’s 10-year-old biological brother Rancy, who was admitted three days earlier than Christine and Solomon, died from Ebola within a week of being admitted for treatment.

Their mother contracted Ebola from a friend in another village. She went to (the village of) Kakata to take care of her, but after two weeks she also died of the disease, Sia said.

Their father then contracted Ebola from his wife, but after three weeks of treatment at a hospital in Monrovia he recovered.

In total, Sia said 14 members of their family had been infected. Joe, who comes from Weala in Margibi County, had also been in the treatment unit nearly two weeks.

After Power’s brief visit to West Africa, she told Reuters on Thursday that she had found some “hope and possibility” that the global response to the Ebola outbreak is working, but more resources are needed.

LONDON, 2 Nov — Data from both sides of the Atlantic will give clues in the coming week on just how bad the euro zone economy is and just how sustainable is its US counterpart.

Europe offers a rate meeting from the European Central Bank and a new slate of economic forecasts; the United States will release its influential monthly jobs index for the past month will also show how businesses see things shaping up in the United States and Europe. One for China has already come in lower than expected.

For many, the ECB meeting on Thursday will be the main money event — despite the fact that it is not likely to be one of action or suspense. As usual, the attention will be on ECB President Mario Draghi’s nuances at the news confer- ence that follows the likely non-move on rates. When it comes to the ECB, the news is often all about the journey rather than the destination.

This week’s inflation data let the ECB off the hook on any immediate additional action to combat the threat of deflation. At 0.4 percent in October, inflation is worryingly slight, but it is higher than it was a month earlier.

ECB policymakers are also in no rush to move on to something new when they have not yet seen how their targeted loans and purchases of asset-backed securities are doing.

Many in financial mar- kets would like to see the ECB move to a full quan- titative easing (QE) as- set-buying programme like the one the US Federal Re- serve has just closed. But as these words from ECB Governing Council member Ewald Nowotny suggest, it is not likely. “I don’t think we should be pushed by the markets to produce a new programme at every meeting we have.”

The bank will also be looking at the US Federal Reserve’s ending of QE and relatively hawkish tone for some spillover succour. The euro is down more than 1.5 percent against the dollar since the Federal Reserve meeting on Wednesday, and down more than 10 percent since May.

A weaker euro not only boosts euro zone exports, it imports inflation and of which the ECB wants to see.

The nuance being sought on Thursday, how- ever, will be whether there is any momentum towards full QE and how German oppo- sition could be overcome. The ECB has been throwing money in various ways at the euro zone econ- omy for a long time but dyna- mic growth has proved as elusive as quicksilver. This is expected to be underlined by the purchasing manager indexes. The euro zone’s manufacturing is sitting just a tad above stagnation. Data has been very lacklustre. “October’s … busi- ness and consumer survey suggests that the euro-zone economy got off to a weak start in Q4, after broadly stagnating in Q3,” Capital Economics said in a note.

Mid-week, the Euro- pean Commission will give its latest economic forecasts and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development will issue its on the G20 economies ahead of a meeting of the group.

Outside the euro zone, the Bank of England also looks to keep interest rates on hold at record low levels on Thursday. Three of its most senior officials have expressed staunch opposi- tion to hiking rates over the last two weeks. Until a few weeks ago, a small
Branson determined to find cause of Virgin spaceship crash, pilots identified

MOJAVE (Calif) / CAPE CANAVERAL (Fla), 2 Nov — Billionaire entrepreneur Richard Branson vowed on Saturday to find out what caused his space tourism company’s passenger spaceship to crash during a test flight in California, killing one pilot and injuring the other, but expressed a desire to press on with the dream of commercial space flight.

US investigators have indicated the powered test flight of Virgin Galactic’s SpaceShipTwo on Friday was well recorded, giving them an abundance of information to help determine what caused it to crash and spread debris over a 5-mile (8 km) swath of the Mojave Desert to meet his dream of commercial space flight.

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Branson arrived in the Mojave Desert to meet his Virgin Galactic team and federal officials who were opening their investigation into the accident, the second in less than a week involving a commercial space company.

“We owe it to our pilots to find out exactly what went wrong,” Branson said during a news conference in Mojave.

“If we can overcome it, we will make absolutely certain that the dream lives on,” he said.

Michael Alsbury, 39, has been identified as the co-pilot who died in the crash of Virgin Galactic SpaceShipTwo, and the surviving pilot is Peter Siebold, 43.

Alsbury, who police said was found dead in the aircraft and who resided in Tehachapi, California, was a project engineer and test pilot atScaled Composites, a Northrop Grumman Corp subsidiary that built and designed the spacecraft for Virgin Galactic.

Siebold parachuted from SpaceShipTwo and was found with serious injuries by rescuers, who took him by helicopter to Antelope Valley Hospital, the Kern County Sheriff’s Office said in a statement. He was alert and talking with his family and doctors on Saturday,Scaled Composites said in a statement, but National Transportation Safety Board acting chairman Christopher Hart said his agency’s investigators have not yet interviewed Siebold at the advice of his doctors.

An NTSB team arrived at the crash site on Saturday to begin piecing together what led to the crash.

“We are here to investigate this accident, while we are here investigating there is nothing that stops this operation from continuing,” Hart said.

An aircraft flying behind SpaceShipTwo collected video images and radar data, and a range camera at Edwards Air Force Base also recorded the failed test flight, Hart said. The spaceship had video cameras and data storage cards on board which could help investigators.

Friday’s crash was the second disaster in less than a week suffered by a private space company, dealing a blow to the fledgling commercial space industry.

Virgin Galactic is a US offshoot of the London-based Virgin Group founded by Branson, one of the world’s most famous entrepreneurs whose empire ranges from airlines to music stores and mobile phones.

Friday’s accident marked the fourth fatality involving a commercial space company, dealing a blow to the fledgling commercial space industry.

Russia test fires Topol-M intercontinental ballistic missile

MOSCOW, 2 Nov — Russian Strategic Missile Troops (RVSN) test fired on Saturday a Topol-M intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) to test its technical features, Defence Ministry said.

“The Topol-M, a silo-based ICBM, was launched on 1 November, at 9:20 am local time (0620 GMT) from the Plesetsk cosmodrome in Russia’s northern Arkhangelsk region,” the ministry said in a statement.

The missile demonstrated its high precision capabilities with an overall good performance, as it hit a designated training target on Russia’s Kamchatka peninsula, RIA Novosti news agency quoted the ministry as saying.

RVSN spokesman Dmitry Andreyev said in August that steady rearmament of the RVSN is due to be completed in 2025 with the new-generation ICMBs, including the upgraded version of Topol-M. The Defence Ministry said previously that Topol-M and Yars RS-24 would be mainstays of the ground-based part of Russia’s nuclear triad and would account for no less than 80 percent of the RVSN’s arsenal by 2016.
Detroit, 2 Nov — President Barack Obama made his lone campaign appearance with a Democrat running for Senate on Saturday in Michigan, urging voters to remember how his administration helped rescue the auto industry when he first took office in 2009.

Obama, whose unpopularity has left him on the sidelines leading up to Tuesday’s midterm elections, spoke to a crowd of about 6,000 supporters of Democratic congressman Gary Peters, who is expected to win the seat held by Republican Rick Snyder with a five percentage point lead over Schauer. Nine percent of poll respondents were undecided, and most of them leaned Democratic.

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Focusing his message on economic issues, Obama also rallied support for Democrat Mark Schauer, a former Democratic representative who is in a tight race for governor.

“They said we shouldn’t walk away,” Obama told a rally in a gymnasium at Wayne State University, recalling how the Michigan delegation fought for the Detroit-based auto industry.

Obama’s appearance was part of a last-ditch effort by Democrats to get out the vote for their candidates. Polls show Republicans are likely to gain control of the US Senate in Tuesday’s election.

“I need you to get some classmates. I need you to get some coworkers. I need you to knock on doors and make some phone calls,” Obama said.

Obama has spent a lot of time raising money for Democrats leading up to the midterms, but with his approval ratings hovering around 40 percent he has kept a low profile on the campaign trail.

Obama is more popular in Michigan, where polling done on 27 October by Fox 2 Detroit/Mitchell put his approval rating at 48 percent.

That poll showed Peters with a 14 percentage point lead over Republican Terri Lynn Land, a former Michigan secretary of state. The Fox 2 Detroit/Mitchell poll showed incumbent Republican Governor Rick Snyder with a five percentage point lead over Schauer.

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Four injured in shootings outside Washington, DC concert

Washington, 2 Nov — Four people are recovering from gunshot wounds on Saturday after a Halloween shooting outside a Fleetwood Mac concert in downtown Washington, according to police.

Three men were shot just steps from the Verizon Centre, a major venue for sports and entertainment, around 10 pm on Friday night, minutes before the concert ended. One man was shot in the arm, and two suffered graze wounds on Saturday after a Halloween brazen enough to take some shots.”— Xinhua

Cambodia charges 10 men with conspiring treason: police spokesman

Phnom Penh, 2 Nov — A Cambodian court has charged 10 suspects arrested here last week, with conspiring treason that could face up to ten years in prison if convicted, said Kirt Chantharith.—Xinhua

“We were on every corner and lined up and down the block,” she said. “It’s kind of shocking that anyone is brave enough to take some shots.”—Reuters

Libyan port rebel leader refuses to hand over oil ports to rival group

Tunis, 2 Nov — A former Libyan rebel leader, who seized oil ports in the past to campaign for eastern autonomy, said he had turned down an offer to join an armed group challenging the internationally-recognized government.

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Jathran said he had been offered a deal by an armed force called Operation Dawn which seized the capital Tripoli in August to challenge the government of Prime Minister Abdul-lah al-Thinni, which has risen to around 800,000 mainly thanks to the reopening of Ras es-Sider and two other ports in the east under a deal between Jathran and Thinni. But the oil leader said he had rejected the offer, mainly because he felt vulnerable to protests from armed youth or former rebels who helped out Gaddafi and now use their guns to seize oilfields or ministries to press for financial and political demands. —Reuters

Drunk road policeman knocks down four pedestrians in central Russia

YAROSLAVL, 2 Nov — A drunken police officer driving a car has knocked down four pedestrians in central Russia’s Yaroslavl region. A wounded woman was taken to hospital after the road accident, the press service of regional police department reported.

“Overnight to 1 November a policeman born in 1976 driving a personal car VAZ-2107 ran down several pedestrians walking on the right lane of the road in the same direction in village of Novy Nekouz in Vokzalnaya Street in central Russia’s Yaroslavl region,” the press service of regional police department said, adding that “Three local residents, including a man born in 1991, a woman born in 1988 and a woman born in 1985 have got bruises in the road accident. Another woman born in 1985 was taken to hospital with wounds.”

Road police, chiefs of regional road police department and police went to the road accident site. Police found that the driver who knocked down by-passer was drunk.

“The Russian road police chief in Yaroslavl region ordered to set up a committee for service and to look into details of the road accident,” the regional police department said, noting that “Upon receiving the inquiry this will be decided to fire the guilty policeman from police and reprimand local police chiefs.”—Itar-Tass

Libyan militia leader Ibrahim al-Jathran, head of an autonomy movement in Cyrenaica Province, speaks during an interview with Reuters in Brega on 20 Oct, 2013.——Reuters

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The Operation Dawn reinstated Libya’s previous parliament which set up a parallel government, part of chaos gripping the North African country three years after the ousting of Muam-mar Gaddafi.

Dawn leaders had offered him a deal to hand over control of the oil ports to them in exchange for money and power, he told Libya’s Wataniya television station late on Friday.

“I prefer to stay in jail next to Abdullah al-Senussi rather than to have a deal with Operation of Dawn or share the power with them,” Jathran said, refer- ring to Gaddafi’s former intelligence chief who is currently in jail.

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Robben gives Bayern comeback win over Dortmund

MUNICH, 2 Nov — A late Arjen Robben penalty gave Bayern Munich a dramatic 2-1 comeback win on Saturday that sent Borussia Dortmund sliding into the drop zone after their fifth straight defeat and worst-ever start to a Bundesliga season.

The Dutchman sent keeper Roman Weidenfeller the wrong way in the 85 th minute, after Franck Ribery was brought down, to lift leaders Bayern to 24 points, four ahead of second-placed VfL Wolfsburg. “We are very satisfied,” coach Pep Guardiola told reporters at the Allianz Arena after his team avenged their season-opening German Super Cup defeat by Dortmund. “In the second half we played as we should.”

The defeat, which featured two decisive blunders from defender Neven Subotic after he came on for the injured Mats Hummels, was the third from bottom with seven points from 10 games.

“Afeter a good first half we had a visibly less good clearance landed in his path. The goal completed Lewandowski’s set of scoring against all 18 Bundesliga teams.

Subotic also tagged desperately at Ribery’s shirt as the Frenchman surged into the box, leading to Robben’s coolly-taken winner.

Elsewhere, Ivan Perisic scored twice as Wolfsburg crushed VfB Stuttgart 4-0 to extend their winning run to five straight league games. Hamburg SV claimed their first home win of the season, against Bayer Leverkusen, after Rafael van der Vaart converted a first-half penalty in a 1-0 win. Argentine Franco Di Santo struck twice in Werder Bremen’s 2-1 comeback win at Mainz 05.

It was their first victory of the season, on new coach Viktor Skripnik’s league debut and moved them off the bottom of the table.

Wanderers hold off Al Hilal to win AFC Champions League

RIYADH, 2 Nov — The Western Sydney Wanderers completed a fairytale AFC Champions League run by surviving another onslaught from Al Hilal to become the first Australian winners of the title after a bad tempered goalless draw in Saturday’s second leg in Saudi Arabia.

Al Hilal dominated at the King Fahad International Stadium but wasted some fantastic chances as the fielding Wanderers, only founded in 2012, somehow held out to complete a remarkable 1-0 aggregate triumph in their debut continental campaign and qualify for next month’s FIFA Club World Cup.

The Australians had shown fight and spirit in knocking out defending champions Guangzhou Evergrande, last year’s runners up FC Seoul and J-League holders Sanfrecce Hiroshima all during their off-season to make the final and they again dug deep to upset their more illustrious opponents. “I’m just proud for these players and our club,” Wanderers coach Tony Popovic said.

“We don’t have the resources or funds... but we have something money can’t buy, and that’s the desire to win.”

Carrying a goal advantage from the first leg they owed much of their victory to the herculean efforts of goalkeeper Ante Covic, later voted man of the match, and generosity of Japanese referee Yuchi Nishimura, who waved away two strong Al Hilal penalty appeals.

Al Hilal’s fury at the officiating boiled over after the final whistle and led to a brawl between some of their players and officials.

The 65,000 Al Hilal fans had filled the stadium to capacity hours before kick off after Prince Al-Waleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud had made it free entry but they departed in a hurry after the final whistle as the Sydney players collected their medals in a near empty venue.—Reuters

Bayern Munich’s Arjen Robben scores a penalty goal against Borussia Dortmund during their German first division Bundesliga soccer match in Munich on 1 Nov, 2014. —REUTERS

People in Takarazuka, Hyogo Prefecture, the city famous for the Takarazuka Revue, dance together in a line on 1 Nov, 2014, as they attempt to set a world record for the longest single line of dancers.

They set a record recognised by the Guinness World Records when 4,199 people danced for more than 5 minutes in a line, beating the previous record set in 2012 in the United States with 2,569 dancers.

Takarazuka Grand Theater, a theater dedicated to the all-female troupe, is seen in the background.—KYODO NEWS
Nishikori falls to Djokovic in Paris semifinals

Paris, 2 Nov — World No 1 Novak Djokovic earned some sweet revenge on Saturday, when he defeated Japan’s Kei Nishikori in the Paris Masters.

Nishikori, who defeated Djokovic in the semifinals of this year’s US Open, fell in straight sets 6-2, 6-3 at the Palais Omnisports de Paris-Bercy.

The loss came one day after Nishikori became the first Asian player to qualify for the elite eight-man ATP Finals.

“I’m really excited to go to London and face Kei,” said Djokovic. “It’s the first time, first experience. It’s going to be a lot of tension and I might get nervous in the first match, but I will try to enjoy the moment.”

There was not a lot to be happy about against Djokovic in the semifinals. Nishikori showed some fatigue from playing on consecutive days, his serve and shots lacking their usual energy.

“Physically, I was a little fatigued. I was not able to put in my best condition,” Nishikori said. “It’s really tough to play against Novak. He doesn’t miss and at the same time he’s very consistent on the baseline.”

Djokovic, who is looking for his second straight Paris title, will play Canada’s Milos Raonic in the finals. Raonic knocked out Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 in the other semifinal.

“We could see Kei wasn’t serving at his best, may be he was fatigued from finishing late last night,” Djokovic said.

Kyodo News

Chelsea see off QPR, Saints and Arsenal also win

London, 2 Nov — Chelsea were not at their imperious best but still beat battling strugglers Queens Park Rangers 2-1 with a late penalty from Eden Hazard to remain undefeated, four points clear at the top of the Premier League on Saturday.

Hazard scored from the spot after 75 minutes of a hard-fought London derby against the resolute visitors, who pulled level when Charlie Austin back-heeled the ball home after 62 minutes.

That cancelled out Brazilian Oscar’s stunning first-half goal, which he scored by bending in a low angled drive with the outside of his boot from 12 metres after 32 minutes.

The victory lifted Chelsea’s hopes of a second consecutive champions’ title for the European champions.

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