

President U Thein Sein receives Finnish Minister for International Development

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein receives a delegation led by Ms. Heidi Hautala, Minister for International Development of Finland, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 3 pm today.

Present at the call together with the President were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at President Office U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and officials.

They had a cordial discussion on capacity building for national race development and Myanmar and assisting in total lifting

of economic sanctions for economic development of Myanmar and regaining of Generalized System of Preference, promoting diplomatic ties and further strengthening friendships between the two countries at a high time for mutual cooperation.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein receives Ms. Heidi Hautala, Minister for International Development of Finland.—MNA



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Press release on the proceedings for enactment of “the Bill to amend the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law”

1. The Bill to amend the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law was approved at the fifth regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and it was sent to the President on 18-11-2012 to seek his approval. In accord with the provision of Section 106 (a) of the Constitution, the bill was sent back to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 23-11-2012 with the comments of the President in which the Bill includes provisions which are contrary to the Constitution and the democratic practices that ensure the three branches of sovereign power namely legislative power, executive power and judicial power are separated, to the extent possible, and extent reciprocal control, check and balance among themselves. (News reported on dailies issued on 28-11-2012)

2. The bill was under discussions again at the sixth regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and it was approved and sent to the President in accord with the provision of Section 106 (b) of the Constitution to seek his approval. Although the amendments of the provisions of the Bill were similar to the provisions originally approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the President signed and sent back it to the Hluttaw in accord with the law, paying attention to the desires of the majority as Hluttaw representatives were in favour of the amendments. In order to make the message known to the public, the full text of the translation of the message signed and sent by the President is as follow:-

“Reference (1) Message with the letter number 1/Pa Hta (meeting) 9/2012-79 dated 18-11-2012 sent by the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to the President.

(2) Message with the letter number 107(3)/8/President Office dated 23-11-2012 sent by the President to the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

(3) Message with the letter number 1/Pa Hta (meeting) 9/2013-4 dated 15-1-2013 sent by the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to the President.

1. I received the Bill sent back in accord with the Section 106 (b) of the

constitution along with the message shown in reference (3) regarding the “Bill to amend the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law” with the comments of the President along with the message shown in reference (2).

2. Regarding the Bill, the comments was made that it is contrary to the provision that “existing law shall remain in force in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw” stated in Section 446 of Constitution and the provision that the three branches of sovereign power namely legislative power, executive power and judicial power are separated, to the extent possible, and extent reciprocal control, check and balance among themselves” stated in Section 11 (a) of the Constitution .

3. Deputy Attorney-General, a Pyithu Hluttaw representative, a Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw Representative and a Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw Representative discussed the Bill at the sixth regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the Bill with original provisions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as the majority was in favour of the Bill.

4. Whether it is in compliance with the Constitution or not is subject to the decision of the waiting-to-form Constitutional Tribunal of the Union. I signed the “bill amending the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law” approved by the majority of parliamentarians, giving respect to the wish of the majority and sent the bill back according to provision in Section 106 Sub-section (b) of the Constitution.

5. It is hereunder stated that regarding the effects of laws prescribed in chapter “Legislation” in the Constitution, provision in Section 198 Sub-section (a) should be paid special attention.

“198. The effects of legislations promulgated by different levels of Hluttaws and authorities of self-administered division/zones are as follows:

(a) If a particular provision in law enacted by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Region Hluttaw, State Hluttaw, leading body of self-administered division, or leading bodies of self-administered zones or a specific law is contrary to a certain provision in the Constitution, what is prescribed in the Constitution shall hold valid.”

6. Therefore, it is here asked to proceed with “the law amending the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union” signed by the President.

3. The original provisions in the bill formulated by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the remarks of the President and the final draft of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw are shown against each other below.

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Mingun Pahtodawgyi Stupa attracts flock of foreign visitors

SAGAING, 21 Jan — Although visitors are not allowed to climb the upper part of Mingun Pahtodawgyi in Sagaing, local and foreign visitors have come in flocks around the pagoda and Mingun Bell.

The Mingun Pahtodawgyi was among the damaged religious edifices caused

by recent Thabeikkyin earthquake in Sagaing Region. As cracks appeared on some parts of the pagoda, climbing the upper part of the pagoda is prohibited for the sake of visitors.

Arrivals of tourists were usual and the pagoda was being packed with visitors, a young woman

who runs a souvenir shop near the pagoda said. Mingun Pahtodawgyi, Mya Thein Tan Pagoda, Mingun Bell, Mingun Sayadaw Museum in Momeik Hillock and Bwa Oo Zun Home for the Aged are places of interest for foreign visitors in Mingun region.— *Kyemon*

Pakokku dwellers adopt healthy lifestyle in drinking water

PAKOKKU, 21 Jan — Parallel trends in regional economic development and increasingly growing sense of health-conscious forced local people to develop a culture of drinking safe water in Pakokku, thereby contributing towards a larger purified drinking water market share. Sale of purified drinking water is booming.

Apart from locally-produced purified drinking water, those from Yangon and Mandalay entered Pakokku market.

"There are 15 brands of purified drinking water in Pakokku. The price of a bottle of 20 liters purified

drinking water is K 450 and an empty bottle is priced at K 4500. A packet of six one-liter bottles is priced at ranging from K 1000 to 1500", a local who runs a delivery service said.

Pakokku dwellers used to drink water from lake and rainwater. Since 2010, they changed their lifestyle enjoying healthy purified drinking water. A local youth called for measures to heighten the public awareness of healthy lifestyle, conducting more educative talks not only in urban wards but also in villages.

Kyemon

Electricity available in Taung-O, Tataing villages in Yesagyo Township

YESAGYO, 21 Jan — Availability of electricity was once out of reach of villages in Yesagyo Township of Magway Region.

Thanks to the efforts of the government which is making great strides in successful realization of eight tasks of poverty alleviation scheme, electricity is available in rural areas.

Taung-O and Tataing villages in the township have become ones among the villages with electricity starting from 17 January. Thanks to united efforts and collective contributions of villagers led by town selders in cooperation with the township electrical engineer and staff, setting up concrete lam posts and installation of power lines, meter boxes and a transformer started

Bicycle hire shops doing a brisk trade



NYAUNGU, 21 Jan — There has been an increase in arrival of globetrotters to Bagan Ancient Cultural Region this year.

As visitors to Bagan Region preferred biking to riding horse carts and going around on taxis, bicycle hire firms are doing a brisk trade. It costs 1500 kyats a day and 300 kyats an hour to hire a bicycle. A firm owner said more than 10 bicycles were

in August 2012. Taung-O village is made up of 110 houses and Tataing village is of 80 houses.

Availability of electricity can be realized in 33 villages including Taung-O and Tataing villages in the township on the self-reliant basis, thereby contributing towards rural region development.

Kyemon

Y 2012 sees more nationwide fire outbreaks than previous year

YANGON, 21 Jan — According to the Fire Services Department (Head Office), the whole country encountered more outbreaks of fire in the last year. A total of 1219 fires occurred the far and wide the nation in 2012, destroying 15765 buildings, 11 warehouses and eight factories and

killing and injuring 184 and 74947 people respectively. In 2011, 3407 buildings and 25 warehouses were reduced to ashes and 61 people killed in 923 fire accidents.

The number of times caused by negligence of fire had reached 795 in 2012. Yangon and Mandalay

Regions and Rakhine State saw more fire outbreaks than other regions and states.

Fire broke out 100 each in January, February, March, April, June, October, November and December. February was the month with 172 fire accidents of the year 2012. — *Kyemon*

Monywa BEHS No (1) Scouts performs social works

YANGON, 21 Jan — With the aim of boosting moral conducts and sense of community among the school youths, the Scouts were formed nationwide starting from 21 December 2012. The Scouts with the membership of 100 school children from Basic Education High School No (1) of Monywa performed a philanthropic work at Moegaung pagoda at the corner of Tayokedan street and BEHS No (1) street in Ale ward in Monywa on

15 January. The Scouts is formed with 50 students each from Grade VII and Grade VIII. They carried out clearing the debris from demolition of walls in the compound of the pagoda.

The Scouts of Monywa

BEHS No (1) formed on 21 December had gone on an excursion to Yargyi on 26 December. Plans are underway to make their second excursion to Popa Region.

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Mobile school library in Buthidaung Township

SITTWAY, 21 Jan — Aimed at turning out good and able citizens, Head of Buthidaung Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Khin Yu Yu Nwe and staff organized a mobile school library at Basic Education Middle School No (1) in the township on 15 January and

BEMS No (2) on 18 January under the community-based public service media programme.

Students from the schools enjoyed reading at the mobile school library where more than 200 books were on display from 10 am to 3 pm.

Kyemon

ITAB officials observe preparation for taking census process in Pyinmana Township

PYINMANA, 21 Jan — While taking census nationwide in 1973 and 1983, UNFPA and UNDP contributed financial support, manpower and technology to Myanmar. As part of a drive for nationwide taking census process, responsible persons of ITBA together with Secretary of Central Census Committee Director-General U Myint Kyaing and party made an inspection tour of

Pyinmana Township where they oversaw preparations for taking census at Gytopin Village.

Staff Officer U Aung Naing Oo of Pyinmana Township Immigration and National Registration Department and members of the township census taking committee explained preparation for taking census process there.

Kyemon



WORLD

Syrian opposition seeks Qatar backing for transition government

ISTANBUL, 21 Jan—The head of Syria's opposition coalition has flown to Qatar to secure promises of financial aid for a transitional government in rebel-held areas, sources at negotiations in Istanbul said on Sunday.

The talks on agreeing a transitional government had been hit by disagreement over whether a transitional government could survive when the Syrian National Coalition President Moaz Alkhatib left in the middle of deliberations, the sources said. "It seems that there won't be a government unless Sheikh Moaz comes back from Qatar with enough to convince enough members

of the coalition that any government they set up will be viable," said one coalition member who did not want to be named.

The talks launched on Saturday are the opposition's second bid to form a transitional government, with its credibility at stake as the country slides into sectarian conflict between majority Sunnis and President Bashar al-Assad's minority Alawite sect. The Syrian opposition is set for more talks in Paris on 28 January, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius told radio station Europe 1.

The 70-member coalition, dominated by Islamists and their allies,

was formed with Western and Gulf backing in Qatar at the beginning of December. Power struggles among its members have undermining efforts to agree a transitional government.

The United Nations says 60,000 people have been killed in the almost two-year revolt against Assad. A collapse of the country could draw in rival powers in a region where the Sunni-Shi'ite faultline has deepened since the Arab Spring revolts began in Tunisia two years ago. Some coalition members doubt a transitional government is viable yet.

"There is agreement

on the need to establish a transitional government but the majority opinion favours not to form it now without secure areas to operate in and enough international support and guarantees for direct recognition," Coalition member Ahmad Ramadan said. "Otherwise the government will be born paralyzed," he added.

"Between the military effort and humanitarian and administration needs a transitional government needs up to \$40 million a day to operate. There is no point creating a government that cannot meet the aspirations of the revolt," another source said.—Reuters



People gather around a damaged vehicle at the blast site in southern Pakistani port City of Karachi, on 20 Jan, 2013. At least one person was killed and four others were injured in a hand grenade blast in Baldia area of Karachi on Sunday, local media reported.

XINHUA

Centre left ousts Merkel coalition in cliffhanger state vote

HANOVER, 21 Jan—Germany's centre-left opposition edged Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservatives from power in a regional vote in Lower Saxony on Sunday, reviving its flagging hopes of defeating her in September's national election.

The Social Democrats (SPD) and Greens won by a single seat after a close race for power in Germany's fourth most populous state. Merkel's Christian Democrats (CDU) lost ground but their Free Democrat (FDP) allies defied forecasts that they would

be ejected from the state assembly in Hanover.

"A one-vote majority can be very stable," said Stephan Weil, Hanover mayor and SPD state premier candidate after a nail-biting six-hour wait for results that were long too close to call.

The outcome will be a setback for Merkel, but the 58-year-old Chancellor still enjoys high personal popularity for her leadership role in the euro crisis where she defended Germany's economic interests. She might also cite the success of the FDP as a good omen for September polls she hopes



German Chancellor Angela Merkel delivers her speech during an election campaign with Lower Saxony's Christian Democratic state governor David McAllister (CDU) (not pictured) in Stade, on 17 Jan, 2013.

REUTERS

will return her centre-right coalition. The SPD had been dreading the results, their own candidate for chancellor, Peer Steinbrueck, struggling to rally support after a series of gaffes.

The SPD and Greens

won 46.3 percent against 45.9 percent for the CDU and their Free Democrat partners—who easily cleared the five percent hurdle to enter the assembly with a vote of 9.9 percent—twice what had been expected.—Reuters

Taliban attacks police compound in Afghan capital, two bombers killed

KABUL, 21 Jan—At least four powerful explosions rocked western Afghan capital Kabul on Monday morning as a team of Taliban suicide bombers and gunmen raided police compounds in the area, police said.

"The militants conducted a coordinated suicide attack against border police and neighbouring civil order police

compounds locating near the intersection of Dehmazang in western Kabul on Monday morning," a police official who declined to be named told Xinhua. At least two suicide bombers were killed in the explosions so far as they know in the attack which took place at about 6 am local time Monday, he said.

No casualty reports on

the police were immediately available. The firing still could be heard in the area.

Meantime, the police official said that the militants numbered four to five and armed with suicide vests and weapons seized the four-story police traffic building and opened fire on border and civil order police compounds.

Xinhua

Chinese Ambassador to Russia Li Hui delivers a speech during a performance staged by Chinese students studying in Russia, at the Chinese Embassy in Moscow, Russia, on 20 Jan, 2013. The performance was held here on Sunday in celebration of China's traditional Spring Festival and the upcoming Year of the Snake.

XINHUA



Obama could build a legacy by boosting trust with China

BEIJING, 21 Jan—After his inauguration for a second term on Sunday, US President Barack Obama has little time to celebrate. Among the tough tasks would be the management of Washington's hugely complex yet extremely important relationship with China. Historically, the relations between the world's two largest economies and between a dominant power and an emerging one had never been easy, and such relationships were subject to deterioration to a point where the world's very survival was put at risk.

It was against this background that some US politicians have always looked at their country's assumed closest rival with much unease, and most

recently, they have seen China's emerging role on the world stage with a sense of anxiety.

However, for Obama, the "China challenge" is at the same time a hidden opportunity for his second term and he actually has a good chance of helping shape a new paradigm of inter-power relations and thus making it part of his legacy.

Obama's re-election last year was coincided with China's leadership change, a phenomenon that happens only once in two decades and brings an opportunity for fresh thinking on the relations between the two countries. China has proposed to build a new type of inter-power relations between Beijing and Washington, based on win-win cooperation,

mutual trust and favorable interaction.

It signals an attempt of Beijing to break the cycle of on-again, off-again ties between the two nations and change the historical pattern of the seemingly inevitable conflict between a rising power and an established one. Based on the record of his first term, one can be cautiously optimistic that the president is leaning toward the idea of enhancing the US-China relationship rather than seeking confrontation.

For example, he has said for many times that Washington welcomes China's rise and that Washington believes a strong and prosperous China can help bring stability and prosperity to the region and the world.—Xinhua

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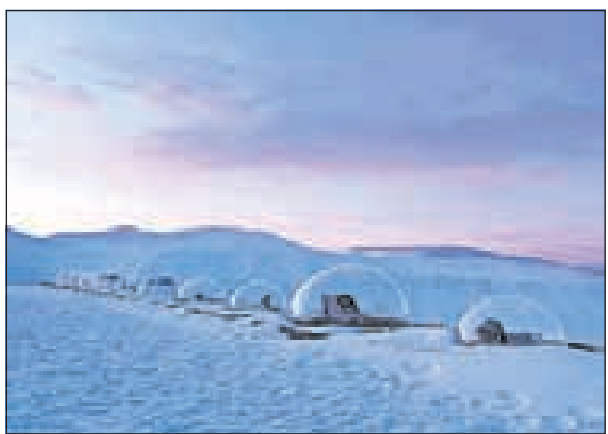


Photo shows Kjell Henriksen observatory, one of the Space centres around the world. —XINHUA

Iran beefed up its own cyber security after Stuxnet, says US General

DOHA, 21 Jan—Iran responded to a 2010 cyber-attack on its nuclear facilities by beefing up its own cyber-capabilities, and will be a “force to be reckoned with” in the future, a senior US Air Force official told reporters on Thursday.

General William Shelton, who heads Air Force Space Command and oversees the Air Force’s cyber operations, declined to comment about Iran’s ability to disrupt US government computer networks, but said Teheran had clearly increased its efforts in that arena after the 2010 incident.

While no government has taken responsibility for the Stuxnet computer virus that destroyed centrifuges at Iran’s Natanz uranium enrichment facility, it was widely reported to have been a US-Israeli project.

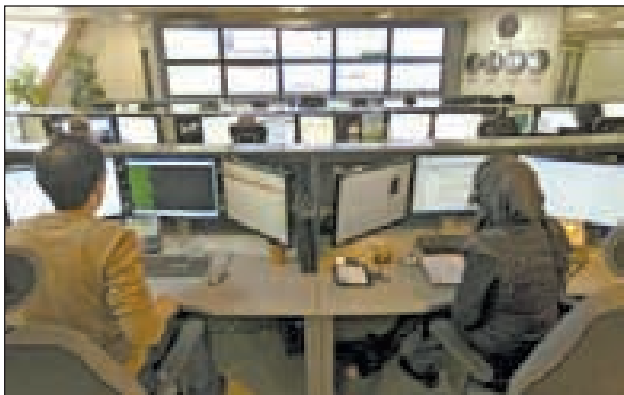
Western analysts say Iran has launched increasingly sophisticated cyber attacks in a growing

confrontation with its adversaries, including the United States, Israel and Gulf Arabs, at a time of rising pressure on Teheran to curb its nuclear programme.

Iran denies Western accusations it is seeking to develop a nuclear weapons capability, and says its programme is aimed only at power generation and medical research.

This week, a senior Iranian commander was quoted as saying that the Islamic Republic could disrupt enemy communication systems as part of its growing “electronic warfare” capabilities.

Iranian officials have denied hacking into US banks in recent months, but have devoted resources to building up their cyber defense capabilities after suffering a string of cyber attacks in the past year targeting industrial sites, an oil export terminal and oil platforms.—PTI



Apple earnings need to overcome technical malaise

NEW YORK/SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Jan—To those who study technical stock charts, Apple Inc looks broken.

Even though it is widely viewed to be undervalued after hitting an 11-month low this week and nine out of 10 brokerages recommend that investors buy or hold the stock, Apple shareholders could still be in for more rough times if technical strat-

egists are right.

They note that trading charts show few price points where investors can expect clusters of buying to support Apple’s shares. For example, the stock’s medium-term momentum, based on its 50-day rate of acceleration, has been on a downward slope since March, but has not hit over-sold levels.

Ryan Detrick, senior

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Jan—Google Inc issued a rare advisory to Wall Street on Friday that analyst estimates for its fourth quarter financial results are flawed. The world’s No 1 search engine, which reports its quarterly results on Tuesday, said most analysts have not adjusted their estimates to reflect the pending \$2.35 billion sale of the Motorola Home business.

The business must be presented separately from the results of Google’s continuing operations under US accounting rules, Google Treasurer Brent Callinicos wrote in a post on Google’s investor relations Web page on Friday.

“As of this writing, a majority of Wall Street analysts who cover Google have not reflected the Home business as

discontinued operations in their estimates,” Callinicos wrote. The discrepancy means the fourth-quarter net revenue that Google reports on Tuesday could appear to be less than the \$12.34 billion average that analysts polled by Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S are expecting.

Raymond James analyst Aaron Kessler says his fourth-quarter net revenue estimate includes nearly \$900 million from the Motorola Home business. “They’re saying that the headline number is going to be less than what most analysts have for Q4,” said Kessler.

The advisory is a rare move for Google, which does not provide financial forecasts and typically has limited interactions with analysts. The company has in the past provided accounting advisories to analysts about the Motorola

Global Web censors use devices from US firm



DOHA, 21 Jan—Authoritarian regimes around the world are using technology from a Silicon Valley firm for Internet surveillance, filtering and censorship, according to a report by Canadian researchers.

The report this week from the University of Toronto’s Citizen Lab said devices from California-based security firm Blue Coat Systems were being used in China, Russia, Venezuela and other countries with “a history of concerns over human rights.”

“Our findings support the need for national and

international scrutiny of Blue Coat implementations in the countries we have identified, and a closer look at the global proliferation of ‘dual-use’ information and communication technologies,” said the report.

“Internet service providers responsible for these deployments should consider publicly clarifying their function, and we hope Blue Coat will take this report as an opportunity to explain their due diligence process to ensure that their devices are not used in ways that violate human rights.”

PTI

Google says Wall Street estimates need adjusting

Mobility business, which Google acquired for \$12.5 billion in May.

Google bought Motorola Mobility primarily for its large portfolio of communications patents and its mobile phone business. In December, Google agreed to sell the Motorola Home television set-top box business to Arris Group Inc for \$2.35

billion in cash and stock.

Analysts expect Google to report adjusted earnings of \$10.56 per share for the fourth quarter.

“It’s a little surprising that they’re doing this the Friday before the report,” said Kessler. “They should have put it out a week ago if they wanted analysts to change their numbers.”

Reuters



An illustration picture shows a Google logo with two one Euro coins, taken in Munich on 15 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

Mobile revolution in Myanmar is on the cards, but too slow for many

YANGON, 21 Jan—Last week the government invited expressions of interest for two mobile phone licenses — a first step towards increasing mobile penetration from its current 5-10 percent to 80 percent in three years. That would lift it off the bottom of the world’s ladder of mobile use and put it on a par with neighbours.

In the meantime, users are chafing at the pace and price of adding connections.

A year ago the informal technology conference Barcamp Yangon was buzzing with rumours of a SIM card that would cost about \$6 — or 1 percent of its actual price at the time.

A year on, Barcamp is back but the talk is much less dramatic: whether the state-owned operator might this week release SIM cards

\$100. That would still be half of what the last tranche sold for, but it still leaves many unhappy.

“The clock is ticking,” says Ravi Chhabra, a local technology entrepreneur. “People are frustrated. There is lots of speculation and this creates anxiety.”

Nobody questions the need for more connections, and foreign operators have salivated at what amounts to one of the last major untapped markets.

President U Thein Sein has made it clear that mobile telephony is a cornerstone of his policy, and has also vowed that mobile communications would be cheap — a promise he reiterated to a conference of donors on Saturday.

Still, getting it done is not proving easy.

Reuters



Workers use their mobile phone in a vehicle on their way home in Yangon on 18 Jan, 2013.

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Six foods rich of calcium

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Calcium content in food varies significantly, so it is important to consume "calcium rich" foods. The following foods, are rich of calcium,

1. Green vegetable
2. Sesame paste
3. Oats
4. Bean products
5. Beans
6. Milk.—Xinhua

Newborn screening misses some deaf kids

NEW YORK, 21 Jan—New research provides further evidence that some babies who pass their newborn hearing tests are found to be deaf or hard of hearing as young kids.

Some of those newborns may receive passing grades incorrectly, researchers said, but others can be born with good hearing but develop progressive hearing loss as babies and toddlers.

"A parent or a physician may think, 'Oh, this child had passed the screen, so they must not have hearing loss,'" said Dr David Chi, the study's lead author from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pennsylvania.

"Don't depend on just the fact that (your child)

passed the screen, especially if there are any concerns about hearing loss or speech concerns," he told Reuters Health.

Chi and his colleagues analyzed the medical records of 923 kids who came to their medical center with hearing loss between 2001 and 2011, and were between four and five years old, on average. The children included 78 who had passed their initial newborn screening.

Of those kids, 28 were brought in because of parents' concerns about their hearing and 25 had failed school hearing tests, according to the findings published on Thursday in JAMA Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.

Reuters

Reliance Industries surges on earnings beat

MUMBAI, 21 Jan—Shares in Reliance Industries rose as much as 6 percent in trade, after posting a better-than-expected 24 percent jump in third-quarter net profit. The shares were trading

3.8 percent higher at 10:05 am. The company on Friday posted its first profit increase after four quarters of declining returns, buoyed by improving margins in its core oil refining business.

Reuters



A woman walks past a poster of Reliance Industries installed outside the venue of the company's annual general meeting in Mumbai on 7 Jun, 2012.—REUTERS

Asian tycoons near final battle in war for Singapore's F&N

SINGAPORE, 21 Jan—Thailand's third-richest man has raised his stake and takeover offer for Fraser and Neave Ltd (FRNM.SI) to fend off a bid by a group led by Indonesian tycoon Stephen Riady as the battle for the Singapore property and drinks group draws towards a close.

Thai billionaire Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi appears to have the advantage going into a formal auction that begins on Monday to decide the fate of the 130-year-old company, which sold its prized Tiger Beer brand to Heineken NV (HEIN.AS) for S\$5.6 billion (\$4.56 billion) last year.

The Thai gambit values F&N at nearly \$11.3 billion and puts the pressure on a consortium led by Riady's Singapore-listed property firm Overseas Union

Enterprise Ltd (OVES.SI) to counter the offer or withdraw from Southeast Asia's largest-ever corporate acquisition.

"This has extended Charoen's advantage. He has an upper hand over OUE because he's only about 10 percent away from gaining majority control of F&N," said Goh Han Peng, an analyst at DMG & Partners Securities in Singapore.

Monday's auction was triggered because neither bidder had declared a final offer by a deadline on Sunday set by Singapore's Securities Industry Council.

Thailand's TCC Assets Ltd, headed by Charoen, raised its offer last week to S\$9.55 a share, above the S\$9.08 bid by the Overseas Union-led consortium. F&N shares rose 1.4 percent to S\$9.71 in early trade on



Stacks of Fraser and Neave (F&N) products are on display at its factory in Pulau Indah outside Kuala Lumpur in this 4 Dec, 2012 file photo.—REUTERS

Monday.

Charoen acquired an additional 90.8 million shares, or a 6.3 percent stake in F&N, at S\$9.55 each on Friday and another 2.2 million shares on Saturday.

The move raised his total stake—held through TCC Assets Ltd and Thai Beverage PLC (TBEV.SI)—to 40.6 percent including

acceptances. Charoen's previous offer was S\$8.88 per share.

The offers by Charoen and the Overseas Union group are conditional on getting more than 50 percent of F&N. If Charoen wins, F&N will have to pay a break fee of up to S\$50 million to the Overseas Union group.

Reuters

Earnings, reforms key for stocks



Brokers trade on their computer terminals at a stock brokerage firm in Mumbai on 23 July 2008.—REUTERS

MUMBAI, 21 Jan—Earnings will continue to set the tone in Indian markets, with Larsen & Toubro Ltd (LART.NS), Maruti Suzuki India Ltd (MRTI.NS) and Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HLL.NS) among the companies set to post October-December results.

The government's decision to allow diesel price hikes should continue to help support shares although state-run oil stocks such as

Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL.NS) that rallied on the news may be susceptible to profit-taking.

The Congress Party kicks off a three-day conference in Rajasthan, with all leaders, including party chief Sonia Gandhi, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and all top ministers attending.

The big event this month still remains the RBI's policy review on 29 January, with most analysts expecting a 25 bps

cut in interest rates after RBI Governor Duvvuri Subbarao dented hopes for a 50 bps cut this week after calling inflation "still quite high."

Sat: India's ruling Congress party starts three-day conference

Mon.: NTPC Ltd (NTPC.NS), Asian Paints Ltd (ASPN.NS), Cairn India Ltd (CAIL.NS), Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd (HDFC.NS) earnings

Tues.: Hindustan Unilever (HLL.NS) earnings

Wednes.: Reliance Communications Ltd (RLCM.NS), Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEE.NS) earnings

Thurs.: Larsen & Toubro (LART.NS) earnings

Fri.: Maruti Suzuki (MRTI.NS), Reliance Power Ltd (RPOL.NS) earnings.—Reuters

Nokia Siemens Networks to tap markets for 700 million euros

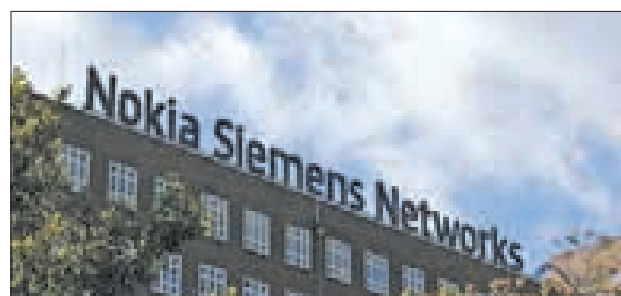
LONDON, 21 Jan—Nokia Siemens Networks (NSN) is planning to raise as much as 700 million euros (\$930 million) from public markets in the spring to pay down debt and fund investment, the Financial Times said on its website on Sunday, citing people familiar with the plan.

The high-yield bond will be the first time the Nokia and Siemens joint venture has tapped public markets, the FT said, and it will test investor appetite in the telecoms equipment maker ahead of a possible listing.

NSN, which was being squeezed by rivals Huawei and ZTE, has been turned around thanks to cost cuts and improved sales of higher margin network equipment gear to operators investing in faster 4G networks.

Analysts have said the unit now looks an attractive proposition both for public investors and private equity firms, with estimates earlier this month that it could be worth well above 5 billion euros.—Reuters

Reuters



The logo of the telecommunications services company Nokia Siemens Networks is pictured on top their office in Berlin on 9 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

WORLD

Cuba ready for International Book Fair

HAVANA, 21 Jan—Cuba is ready to welcome about 200 intellectuals and cultural officials from 30 countries and regions to the 22nd International Book Fair, to start here on 14 February, organizers said on Sunday.

Director of the Cuban Book Chamber Eduardo Fernandez said so far more than 2,500 square metres have been occupied by 134 exhibitors of 25 countries in the old fortress of San Carlos de la Cabana on the east bank

of the Havana harbour.

The biggest delegation belongs to Angola, the honour-guest country of the fair, said poet Edel Morales, member of the organizing committee.

Angolan writers and representatives of several artistic fields will attend the fair and more than 50 books on the African country, 18 of them written by Angolan authors, will be on show.

Morales said representatives from Mexico,

Chile, Argentina, Venezuela, Spain, Ecuador, the United States and Russia are also expected to attend.

Cultural officials from Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe are supposed to appear.

Important figures in literature and social science will take part in extensive programmes, including book presentations, theoretical forums and author-reader talks.

In genres of novel and

poetry, Uruguay's Mario Delgado Aparain, Italy's Carlos Lucarevi, Argentina's Vicente Battista, Spain's Juan Madrid and Mexico's Paco Ignacio Taibo II will participate in the activities.

US historian Aviva Chomsky is also expected to attend the fair. The organizing committee said that the fair takes place in Havana for 10 days before moving on to other cities in the country for two more weeks.—Xinhua



Residents participate in the Tacna International Carnival at the esplanade of the Government Palace in Lima, capital of Peru, on 19 Jan, 2013.—XINHUA

Bad weather causes one death, 21 injuries in Portugal

LISBON, 21 Jan—Strong gusts and heavy rains have caused one dead, 21 injured and 46 people losing their homes in Portugal at the weekend.

Between Friday morning and Saturday night Portugal has been under a red weather alert, the highest in the scale. Winds reached 120 km per hour resulting from more than 9,000 emergency calls with the highest number reported in capital Lisbon.

The violent winds caused one dead and 21 injured, according to the Civil Protection National Authority. Local Press said that the deceased was a 85-year-old man and died with head injuries after falling to the ground pushed by a

gate brought down by the strong wind.

According to media reports, damage reported by farmers reached over 6 million euros (about 8 million US dollars) and five regions in the country are still suffering power cuts.

On Sunday the wind has been continuing to blow hard and the rains have not stopped although the severe weather alerts have gone down to green indicating no danger in most of the country.

Three regions in the north including Povoia do Varzim, Vila do Conde and Esposende reported damages over 5 million euros, according to a farmer's association speaker interviewed by TSF news

radio. In the west agricultural damage may reach 1 million euros, according to the daily *Publico*.

The bad weather has also caused problems in the power supply and public transport sectors.

Five regions in the country — Aveiro, Castelo Branco, Leiria, Coimbra and Santarem — continued Sunday without electricity. The situation should return normal until the end of Sunday, according to Maria Antonia Fonseca, speaker of the power company EDP. Though, in an interview with the news radio TSF, she added that the work ahead would still be complicated.

The Portuguese railway company CP keeps in place

on Sunday a warning about possible delays due to obstructed lines.

Strong winds caused changes in the final destination of at least 33 flights heading to Portugal on Saturday. Bad weather in other European cities also led to more delayed and canceled flights on Sunday.

The access to some marine ports was also suspended during the weekend.

The Civil Protection National Authority registered 6,018 incidents caused by falling trees and 2,425 caused by falling debris. The rains have also caused 534 flood occurrences and 279 landslides. (1 euro = 1.33 US dollars).—Xinhua



Yuriko Atsumi, an official at the Omurasaki Centre, observes a mantis at the centre in Hokuto, Yamanashi Prefecture, on 7 Nov, 2012. Atsumi is one of the female insect lovers recently nicknamed "mushi (insect) girls." KYODO NEWS

Senegal starts to send troops to Mali

DAKAR, 21 Jan — A group of some 60 soldiers of the 500 men contingent that Senegal has decided to send to Mali as part of the multinational force of West Africa, left Dakar to Bamako on Sunday, local media reported.

Private radio RFM reported the movement but did not give details on the deployment schedule of the Senegalese contingent.

Senegal and countries of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) have announced the dispatch of regional troops to help Mali fight against rebel groups who have occupied the north of the country and are considered a threat to other countries in the sub-region.

On Wednesday, Senegalese President Macky Sall, through a message to the National Assembly, urged the Senegalese from all sides to unite to support the mission of the contingent of 500 Senegalese soldiers to go to Mali.

According to the president, any threat affecting Mali would also be a concern of Senegal.

Under a UN Security Council mandate, the African

regional bloc ECOWAS has decided to mobilize a multinational force of 3,300 troops to help the Malian government fight against the rebels who occupied the northern half of the country in March 2012 following a military coup.

The rebel groups, believed to be backed by al-Qaeda, were regarded as a threat to the regional security as well as Mali's central government.

They attacked the government military stronghold of Kanno in central Mali on 9 January, posing a threat to capital Bamako. France, which took the rebels movement as a threat to its interest, quickly dispatched armed forces to the West African country to support the government forces to push back the rebels.

In the past week or so, the French forces have bombarded the rebels and helped the Malian government retake the two towns that the rebels had overrun recently in the battles. Troops from other member countries of ECOWAS are arriving to Mali group by group.

Xinhua

White House says confident will pass some gun control legislation



A display of 7-round handguns are seen at Coliseum Gun Traders Ltd in Uniondale, New York on 16 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 21 Jan—A White House adviser on Sunday said he was optimistic Congress will approve at least part of President Barack Obama's proposals to reduce gun

violence in the wake of December's massacre at a Connecticut elementary school. Just hours before Obama was to be sworn in for his second term in office, White House adviser David

Plouffe said on Sunday talk shows he felt there was support in Congress for some measures, including universal background checks for gun buyers and limits on high-capacity clips.

"I'm confident some of the measures you mentioned—clips, universal background checks—I think there are 60 votes in the Senate and 218 in the House, that the president would sign," Plouffe said on ABC's "This Week," citing the vote threshold to pass legislation in the two chambers. "We don't expect it all to pass, or in its current form, but we think there's elements of this that are absolutely critical,"

Plouffe said. Obama last week proposed the biggest US gun-control push in decades, including a ban on military-type assault weapons and mandatory background checks for all gun buyers to prevent mass shootings like December's Newtown, Connecticut, school massacre in which a gunman killed 20 children and six adults.

Gun advocates led by the powerful National Rifle Association have mobilized to fight Obama's plan. With gun ownership rights enshrined in the Second Amendment of the US Constitution, gun restrictions have long been a divisive issue.—Reuters

Colombia's FARC rebels end ceasefire

HAVANA, 21 Jan— A unilateral ceasefire declared by the Marxist FARC rebels at the start of peace talks with the Colombian government ended on Sunday after the government refused to join the truce, the group said.

"With pain in my heart, we have to admit that we return to the stage of war that nobody

in this country (Colombia) wants," FARC lead negotiator Ivan Marquez told reporters before going into the latest session of the talks aimed at ending Colombia's long, bloody conflict.

The FARC, or Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, declared the ceasefire when the talks began

on 19 November in Havana, and gave the Colombian government two months to also lay down its arms.

"The fact is that the number of operations carried out by the group decreased significantly, the number of police and soldiers killed or injured decreased. The conclusion is that there was

a relative compliance with the ceasefire," Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said late on Sunday.

Santos said the FARC was involved in some violence during the ceasefire, but it was hard to tell whether the guerrillas were defending themselves or attacking.

Reuters

LOCAL NEWS

Yangon Region Government holds 56th Maha Convocation Ceremony

YANGON, 21 Jan—The 56th Maha Convocation Ceremony organized by Yangon Region Government was held at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye hill, here, yesterday.

Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Naya-ka Committee Bharmo Monastery of Mandalay Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Maha Saddhammajotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa gave Sammodaniya Ovada Katha.

Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe and Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Soe Win supplicated on religious affairs.

Next, the Chief Minister and wife, the deputy minister and wife, the Speaker of Region Hluttaw, the deputy speaker, region ministers and officials presented certificates to members of the Sangha and nuns who passed the religious examinations and Dhammacariya examination.

Secretary of SSMNC Chaukhtetgyi Monastery of Yangon Agga Maha Pandita Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Kheminda delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained. Later, the congregation offered alms to members of the Sangha and nuns.

Before the ceremony, Yangon Region Government offered alms to members of the Sangha at the three-storey building on Kaba Aye Hill.

MNA



Rakhine State Chief Minister meets ICRC President and party

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin met a delegation led by President Mr Peter Maurer of International Committee of the Red Cross at his office

in Sittway on 17 January.

At the meeting, ICRC disclosed to cooperate in respective sectors of Rakhine State and discussed matters related to further cooperation.—MNA



Ward administrator elected in Ponnagyun

PONNAGYUN, 21 Jan—The re-election of administrator for Sanpya Ward was held in Ponnagyun of Rakhine State on 13 January.

At the town hall, the election was attended by township level departmental officials and townselders.

A total of 119 10-house leaders re-elected the present

ward administrator.

In Ponnagyun, ward administrators have been elected in line with the rules of the law and rules.

Myanma Alinn

Fire drill exercised at market in Nyaunglebin



NYAUNGLEBIN, 21 Jan—Nyaunglebin Township Development Affairs Committee implements plans of fire preventive measures for its markets and organizes

fire drills.

On 17 January, the fire drill was exercised in front of Nyaunglebin Market.

Township level officials, Region Hluttaw

representative U Soe Paing and responsible persons of the market led by Township DAC Executive Committee UMHlaThaung participated in the fire drill.—NLM

Kayan Sluice Gate, Union National Races Village inspected

YANGON, 21 Jan—Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe arrived at Kayan Sluice Gate in Thanlyin Township of Yangon Region this morning.

Officials explained the purpose of building the sluice gate and reported on storage of water for 30-mile radius greening of Yangon.

The Chief Minister inspected the progress of sluice gate.

He then inspected the completion of Chaungku Bridge that links Thanatpin Village and farmlands and then the Union National Races Village in Thakayta Township.

MNA

Opening of Managed Cash Flow-SOP Review Workshop held

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Jointly organized by the Ministry of Health and United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), the opening of Managed Cash Flow-SOP Review Workshop for fight against three major diseases took place at Royal Kumudra Hotel, here, on 18 January morning, with an address by Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin.

At the workshop, the Union Minister said that

monetary management and systematic spending play a pivotal role in practising clean government and good governance.

He urged those present to strive to be qualified managers and leaders so that they can win public trust and understanding.

Then, Director and Representative Mr Sanjay Mathur of UNOPS made a speech. The workshop will last for two days.

MNA

MNL-2 to start on 15 February



Players of Chin United FC that participated in the 2012 MNL League.

YANGON, 21 Jan—Myanmar Football Federation will organize the MNL-2 as of 15 February.

Altogether eight football clubs will take part in the league.

They are: Chin United and Mawrawady United that were relegated from the MNL 2012, Myanmar U-19, GFA, Horizon, Royal Land Dagon FC and Myawady FC.

The league will be held

from 15 February to 19 June through two legs system. The clubs may use foreign footballers and call four players abroad including one Asian player in line with the rule of MNL.

Two top clubs will have the opportunity to play in the MNL 2014 and the clubs in 1st to 4th positions in the 2013 MFF Cup Knockout Tournament.

Myanmar U-19 is

purposed to take experiences in competition.

If the youth team wins the 1st or 2nd position, it will join the MNL League and its runner-up will have the opportunity to join the one-step league.

The ceremony to draw the fixtures for the tournament was held at Myanmar Football Federation Office on 17 January.

Myanma Alinn

NATIONAL

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, committee chairs meet



NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann attended the coordination meeting of committee chairs at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Complex here this afternoon.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa and officials of the Hluttaw Office. The committee chairs explained undertakings of each committee.

The Speaker's concluding remarks brought the meeting to an end.—MNA

**Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker
Thura U Shwe Mann
delivers an address at the
coordination meeting of
committee chairs.—MNA**

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 22 January, 2013

Political openness

In materializing political changes with the momentum we have never achieved before, all the stakeholders meaning the government, the parliament, political parties, business society, civil society organizations, Tatmadaw, and especially the entire population, have been working with heart and soul in discharging their assigned duties.

Here motherland always welcomes civil society organizations as vital forces in the national development undertakings. In this regard the civil society organizations should partake in the nation-building endeavours that meet the prevailing situation of the masses. The government on its part will relax the requirements for the registration of associations and restrictions on their activities letting political parties and civil society organizations operate freely and at full capacity.

Our belief is that even though we are facing a lot of challenges, the combined effort of all the forces of our country will certainly pave the way for success in all the reforms that are underway. So, we would like to see the civil society organizations intensifying their participation in the national development undertakings.

But civil society organizations will have absolute independent decision-making and do not need to agree with the government on everything. It's just a clarion call for all civil society organizations to find common ground with the government in the areas of national development and restoration and promotion of eternal peace. In fact, dialogue and win-win compromises are the best means in dealing with a diverse array of issues and disagreements. So, we must seek conciliatory means, but not the confrontational methods.

In this way we can end our internal problems peacefully and eternally and find the nearest path towards national integration, a springboard towards a modern society through democratic reforms. We all believe that the political openness we now have in our country is the backbone of our national integration.

UN chief hails Myanmar's announcement of truce in Kachin

UNITED NATIONS, 21 Jan—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Sunday welcomed Myanmar government's announcement about a ceasefire in Kachin and called on both sides to "make serious efforts to create conditions for sustainable peace" in the region. Ban said in a statement issued by his spokesman that he has been following the various reports from the ground on the implementation of the ceasefire.

Myanmar government announced Friday unilateral ceasefire with the ethnic Kachin Independence Army (KIA), saying that the

government troops will stop military offensive against the area of Lakyayan starting Jan. 19 at 06:00 a.m. (local time), according to a press release of the government aired by the state TV at night. The unilateral ceasefire was offered as security with the government force members as well as with the Myitgyina-Bahmo highway have been in place, said the release. Ban "calls upon both sides to make serious effort to create conditions for sustained peace in Kachin through enhanced confidence building measures and political dialogue," the statement said.

MNA/Xinhua

Press release on the proceedings for enactment of "the Bill to...

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Original provisions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw	Remarks of the President	Final draft
In the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law-(a) Section (6) shall be replaced as follows: "6. The President shall submit the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw the list of three persons nominated by himself, three by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and three by the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, totaling nine persons and the name of the one out of those nine to appoint as chairperson and seek the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's approval."	Regarding the Section 2 Sub-section (a) of the bill, Section 321 of the Constitution states "The President shall submit the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw the list of three persons nominated by himself, three by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and three by the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, totaling nine persons and the name of the one out of those nine to appoint as chairperson and seek the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's approval." The Hluttaw's proposed amendment is contrary to the Constitution. Section 446 of the Constitution states that only provisions out of 22 legislations promulgated under Section 443 of the Constitution not going against the Constitution are valid and it automatically becomes invalid if and when it goes against the Constitution.	Approved as originally prescribed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The original provision of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is approved.
2. Sub-Section (i) after Sub-Section (h) of Section 12 shall be added as follows: "(i) Reporting the President or the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker or the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker who nominates him/her on his/her undertakings."	As regards Section 2 Sub-Section (b) of the bill, Section 12 of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law prescribes the duties of the tribunal mentioned in Sections 322 and 323 of the constitution. The added provision in Sub-Section (i) is not included in the constitution. It would hamper the jurisdiction of the highest constitutional court. Otherwise, it means intervention in jurisdiction. It goes against freedom of jurisdiction embodied in Section 19 Sub-Section (a) and Section 11 Sub-Section (a) of the constitution. As it is the thing to preserve for flourishing of democracy, the provision should not be added.	The original provision of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is approved.
3. Section 23 of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law shall be reordered as Section 24 and vice versa. The new Section 24 shall be as follows: "24. The resolution of the tribunal passed in line with Section 23 is final."	As regards Section 3 of the bill, the amendment of Sections 23 and 24 of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law would mean that the resolution of the tribunal is final only in the case submitted by a court in accord with Section 12 Sub-Section (g) of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law. It would make the resolutions with respect to other matters the appealable ones. The amendment will be dissolved by Section 446 of the constitution as it goes against Section 324 of the constitution, "The resolution of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union is final."	The original provision of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is approved.
4. Section 25 of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law must be omitted.	As regards Section 4 of the bill, Section 25 of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law is aimed at taking its effect over respective government institutions and personnel, and respective areas. The essence of Section 25 is to prevent contradiction in terms on the effect of the resolution of the tribunal. The Section 25 could not be omitted because there would be arguments over the effect of the resolution and definitions without the provision.	

4. The proceedings to enact "The Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law" are hereby publicized.

NATIONAL

President U Thein Sein attends Central level English Impromptu Talk Competition for students from universities, degree colleges, colleges for 2012-2013 academic year



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attends the awarding ceremony of 2012-2013 academic year central-level English Impromptu Talk Competition for students from universities, degree colleges and colleges.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended the awarding ceremony of the 2012-2013 academic year central-level

English Impromptu Talk Competition for students from universities, degree colleges and colleges held at the City Hall here at 4 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Union ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, rectors, instructors, student

participants and officials concerned.

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye awarded the first, second and third prize winners

of the post-graduate level impromptu talk competition, and Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo, the first, second and third prize winners of the under-graduate level

the members of the panel of judges.

President U Thein Sein posed for a documentary photo together with Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Union ministers,



A student participating in the impromptu talk competition.—MNA

impromptu talk competition.

Next, Deputy Minister for Education Dr Myo Myint presented gifts to

members of the panel of judges and prize winners and cordially greeted those present.

MNA

Deputy Chief of General Staff of Chinese PLA concludes visit



Deputy Chief of General Staff of PLA Lieutenant General Qi Qi Jianguo being seen off at the airport by officials.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—The visiting Chinese delegation led by Deputy Chief of General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army Lieutenant General Qi Jianguo visited Shwedagon Pagoda this morning.

They were accompanied by Maj-Gen Tin Maung Win from the Commander-in-Chief (Army)'s Office,

Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Li Junhua and Chinese military attaché Senior Colonel Xiong Shawei and officials concerned.

The delegation enjoyed the luncheon hosted by Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hsan Oo.

They left Yangon for home by air at 3 pm today.

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Korean National Assembly Speaker Mr Kang Chang-hee and wife visit National Museum.—MNA

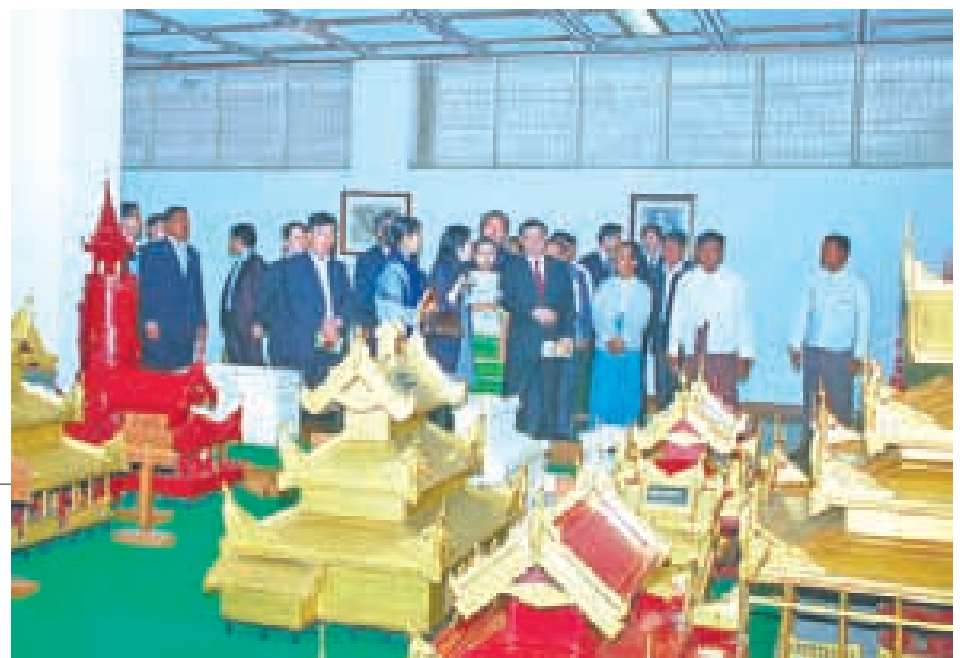
Korean National Assembly Speaker visits Mausoleum, Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 21 Jan—The visiting Korean goodwill delegation led by Korean National Assembly Speaker Mr Kang Chang-hee and wife

visited Mausoleum here this morning.

The Speaker laid a wreath at the mausoleum and then visited National

Museum (Yangon). The Korean delegation also visited Shwedagon Pagoda in the evening and donated cash for the pagoda.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw Fundamental Rights of Citizens, Democracy and Human Rights Committee Chairman receives Head of OHCHR Region Office for South-East Asia

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Ms. Matlida Bongor, Head of OHCHR Region Office for South-East Asia and Ms. Heike Alefsen, Deputy Head

of OHCHR Region Office for South-East Asia called on Pyithu Hluttaw Fundamental Rights of Citizens, Democracy and Human

Rights Committee Chairman U Htay Oo at Hluttaw Building this afternoon.

Human rights issues, legislative matters, works

being undertaken at Hluttaw, national unity, peace and stability and international relations were discussed at the meeting.—MNA

Measures undertaken to legitimize Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand



Hluttaw representatives signing attendance book.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—The fourth-day six regular session of the First Pyithu Hluttaw continued this morning, and 10 questions were answered at the session.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun responded to the question about the election of ward or village administrators raised by U Thein Tun Oo of Amarapura Constituency that there was no order or directive on further requirements for

members of the board of supervisory for supervising the election of ward or village administrators. The detailed letter of complaints about the election of ward or village administrators which were not held in accord with the bylaws of ward or village-tract administration law could be sent to deputy commissioners concerned, respective region/state governments and the Ministry of Home Affairs. Personnel who are in service were not allowed to be

elected as ten-household representatives. Punitive action would be taken against those who violate the law, bylaw, rules and regulations in electing the wards or village-tract administrators by the investigation team in accord with the codes of civil servants for service personnel and existing laws for civilians.

Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Myint Thein answered the question about Myanmar

migrant workers to be able to enjoy legal rights raised by U Maung Toe of Minhla Constituency that the issuance of 1.3 million temporary passports had been carried out in Thailand up to date. Officials of Myanmar embassy and labour attaché had addressed the occupational problems of Myanmar migrant workers. They were allowed to get driving licence and to open bank accounts, thereby contributing towards better

socioeconomic status. Plans are underway to provide legal documents to remaining undocumented migrant workers through the coordination with the Thai government. The Thai Prime Minister agreed to extend the period for three months at the request of the Myanmar President. Five previous temporary passport issuance counters were then closed and it was allowed to run up to ten now. It was agreed to start issuing passports to Myanmar migrant workers ahead of 20 March, which would enable Myanmar migrant workers to take out passports at the nearest counters at low cost. In order to prevent increase in number of Myanmar migrant workers without documents while so doing, over new 40000 Myanmar workers were sent to Thailand under Myanmar-Thailand MoU. Measures are being taken to enable offspring of Myanmar migrant workers to pursue education in Thailand.

So, efforts would be continued to legitimize Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand and to enable them to have the same

human rights the Thai have. More labour attaches were dispatched to countries to which most of Myanmar migrant workers go including Malaysia and Kuwait. Myanmar has joined Global Migration Group in November last year, working toward its objectives.

U Win Myint of Patheingyi Constituency asked the Hluttaw to define the provisions about functions of political parties in Sections 64 and 232 in 2008 Constitution.

Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung replied that the responsibility to define the provisions in the constitution rests on the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union. So, it should be asked to the tribunal when it is reformed.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speakers said that the Hluttaw would put the proposal on record and would ask the constitutional tribunal under Section 325 of the constitution. The proposal would be proceeded when the constitutional is formed. The fifth day regular session continues tomorrow.

MNA

Questions on rabies vaccine, doctor recruitment answered at Amyotha Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—Questions on production of rabies vaccine and recruitment of newly-grad doctors from remote areas were answered at fourth day of sixth regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin answered that the country's rabies vaccine production met the demand and a total of 16725 units of vaccines were distributed to regions and states in 2011-2012 fiscal year in response to

the question raised by Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No (6).

He said the ministry is not responsible for recruiting new assistant doctors and it was undertaken by the Union Civil Services Board. He said the capacity is the only criterion in considering the new recruits.

Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union U Soe Nyunt put forward Bill amending the Limitation Act for consideration. U

Aung Myint Thein of Kayin State Constituency No (9) seconded the proposal to discuss the bill at the Hluttaw.

Eight MPs discussed the proposal of U Paul Htan Htai of Chin State Constituency No (3) urging the Union government to give special priority for health and education of remote regions than other relatively developed areas.

The parliamentary session continues 10 am tomorrow.—MNA



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint at fourth day of sixth regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA



KIA sets company hostel on fire

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—A seven-member group led by KIA arrived at Waiaungkabar Company Office in Mashikahtaung Ward of Phakant at about 5.30 pm on 19 January and set company hostel on fire. A two-storey building in length of 100 feet was

destroyed in the fire. A Pajero car owned by the company was exploded by grenade according to the Ministry of Defence.

After releasing the press release (3/2013), it was the third attack on civilians by KIA.

MNA

KIA abducts five civilians

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan—About 15 members of KIA battalion (5) abducted five civilians including four men and one woman from Salikyaw log camp in Shwegu Township at 3 am on 18 January, according Kachin State government.—MNA

REGIONAL

Hundreds flee as rain-induced flooding submerges anew S Philippine villages

DAVAO CITY, (Philippines), 21 Jan—More than one thousand people have fled their homes as rain-induced flooding swamped a large swath of southern Philippines on Sunday, authorities said.

In Davao del Norte Province, more than 800 people have fled after torrential rains since Friday caused several rivers there to overflow, submerging over a dozen villages in at least four towns and a city, according to Sonio Sanchez, provincial disaster officer.

Neighbouring Compostela Valley Province,

still recovering from last month's devastating Typhoon Bopha, is also flooded, with at least 178 families or about 890 individuals from the province forcibly herded by army, police and rescue teams to evacuation centers, Raul Villocino, provincial disaster officer, told *Xinhua* by text message.

"We've been implementing pre-emptive evacuation to prevent a repeat of last month's disaster," Villocino said of the forced evacuation.

Authorities said rescue teams have already been deployed to help evacuate

residents.

Flooding was also reported in some low-lying areas in this city, including parts of the city proper along the Davao river, said Jacob Obligado, commander of the army's 10th civil-military operations battalion.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) said the tail-end of a cold front is affecting Mindanao, bringing light to moderate rainshowers and thunderstorms over the region.

Xinhua

Cambodia's garment workers to get pay rise for 2013

PHNOM PENH, 21 Jan—Garment Manufacturers Association of Cambodia (GMAC) on Monday agreed to increase salaries for the workers in the kingdom's garment and footwear industries, according to a press release after a closed door meeting.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Social Affairs Ith Samheng, Minister of Labour Vong Sauth, GMAC's president Van Sou Ieng, and representatives of trade unions in Cambodia.

"The meeting agreed in principle to discuss wage increase for the workers," the press release said. "All trade unions should meet among them to set a unanimous proposal on minimum pay rise for workers in order to negotiate with employers." It said the International Labor Organization would be a coordinator for this task. According to the press release, all relevant parties will meet again on 26 February in order to decide the minimum pay rise.—*Xinhua*



Rescuers evacuate a survivor from a building on fire in Pakistan's eastern city of Lahore, on 20 Jan, 2013. At least six people including a police officer were killed and four others injured on Saturday night as a four-storey building caught fire in Lahore, local media reported.—*XINHUA*

Nine missing in Indonesia fishing boat sinking incidents

JAKARTA, 21 Jan—Two fishing boats with 27 fishermen sank off the coast of Indonesia's East Java Province on Sunday, leaving nine missing, Local rescuer said.

The Juanda and Kepodang boats went out to sea at 9:00 pm local time on Saturday night and sank at 5:00 am on Sunday, said Ipung, a rescuer from the local Disaster Mitigation

Agency. "Nine were missing while 18 fishermen were rescued," he was quoted by Indonesia's portal kompas.com as saying, adding that local police units had helped in the rescue effort.

Strong wind was to blame for the capsizing, according to survivors.

Such boat accidents are common in Indonesia partly because of the poor safety standards.—*Xinhua*

Foreign Ministers of Australia, Sri Lanka, Turkmenistan visiting India this week

NEW DELHI, 21 Jan—India is gearing up for a busy diplomatic week with the Foreign Ministers of three countries—Australia, Sri Lanka and Turkmenistan—visiting this week, sources said on Sunday.

While Australian Foreign Minister Bob Carr will meet Indian External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid in the national

capital on Monday to discuss issues like trade, investment and civil nuclear cooperation pact negotiations, Sri Lankan Foreign Minister GL Peiris will co-chair with Khurshid the 8th India-Sri Lanka joint commission meeting on Tuesday, the sources said.

The Sri Lankan Foreign Minister is also likely to meet Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh,

they said.

The Foreign Minister of Turkmenistan, Rashid Meredov, is scheduled to arrive in the national capital on Monday to participate in the 4th meeting of the India-Turkmenistan intergovernmental joint commission on trade, economy, scientific and technological cooperation to be held on Tuesday, the sources added.—*Xinhua*

Cambodia, Vietnam to sign agreement on civil justice cooperation

PHNOM PENH, 21 Jan—Cambodian Justice Minister Ang Vong Vathana headed for Vietnam's Hanoi on Sunday afternoon for a 3-day official visit to strengthen bilateral cooperation in legal and judicial sector.

The visit is made at the invitation of Vietnamese Justice Minister Ha Hung

Cuong. Sam Pracheamearith, chief of cabinet at Cambodian Ministry of Justice, said on Sunday that the visit would be a chance for the two ministers to enhance bilateral relations and cooperation between the two neighbours.

"There will be a signing ceremony between the two ministers on an agree-

ment on mutual legal assistance in civil matters," he said. "The agreement will further strengthen friendship relations and traditional cooperation between the two countries for mutual interest."

He said under the deal, both sides will provide mutual help in civil matters through exchanging

services, court documents, outside-the-court documents, evidence collection and transfer, witness and expert summons, and civil registration documents.

In addition, the two sides will mutually recognize and allow the implementation of verdicts by courts and decisions by arbitrators.—*Xinhua*

Two killed in house fire in Japan's Kagoshima

OSAKA, 21 Jan—Two people were killed after a total of 9 houses were burned down on Monday morning in the southwestern Japanese Prefecture of Kagoshima, local Press reported.

The fire broke out at a family's home in Yakushima Town on the island of Yakushima in the prefecture at around 3:30 am local time and was tackled by local firefighters from the town's fire department, according to the local broadcaster KTS.

The report said the initial fire further spread to

nearby eight wooden houses built in the residential area of the town, and those buildings were then fully or partially destroyed by the fire.

The firefighters put out the fire by 8:00 am but they found the bodies of two people inside the wooden home. Although the victims have yet to be officially identified, they are believed to be members of the same family occupied the home.

A joint police and fire department investigation is carried out to establish the cause of the blaze.—*Xinhua*



People play with pigeons in Harbin, capital of north-east China's Heilongjiang Province, on 20 Jan, 2013. The temperature rise in Harbin enabled citizens to play with snow and ice in the outdoors.

XINHUA

Death toll rises to three in China coalmine accident

LIUPANSHUI, 21 Jan—As one more body was found on Monday, the death toll in Friday's coalmine accident in southwest China's Guizhou Province has risen to three, with 10 miners still missing.

Eighteen people were working in the mine shaft when the gas outburst accident happened on Friday afternoon at the Jinjia Coal Mine in the Panxian County of Liupanshui City.

More than 40 rescuers, with the help of a hydraulic mucker, are working round the clock to pump gas out and searching for the rest 10 miners.

The state-owned Jinjia Coal Mine, under the Guizhou Panjiang Clean Coal Co Ltd, has an annual output capacity of 1.8 million tonnes of coal.

The Guizhou provincial work safety administration had ordered a general overhaul of industrial work safety in Liupanshui City.

Xinhua

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY

Dated: 17th January, 2013

INVITATION FOR BIDS TO CONDUCT PETROLEUM OPERATIONS
IN MYANMAR ONSHORE AREAS (2013)

1. The Ministry of Energy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar hereby announces Invitation of Sealed Bids for Petroleum Operations to be conducted in Myanmar Onshore Areas on production sharing basis.

2. The following Onshore blocks are available for bidding in this bidding round:-

No.	Block	Area	Type of Contract
(1)	PSC B2	(Zebuytaung-Nandaw)	PSC
(2)	PSC C1	(Indaw-Yenan)	PSC
(3)	PSC H	(Taungoo-Pyinmana)	PSC
(4)	PSC J	(Mawlamyine)	PSC
(5)	PSC K	(Yamethin)	PSC
(6)	PSC M	(Kyaukpyu)	PSC
(7)	PSC O	(Pathein)	PSC
(8)	EP 1	(Kyaukkyi-Mindon)	PSC
(9)	EP 3	(Thegon-Shwegu)	PSC
(10)	EP 4	(Mayaman)	PSC
(11)	RSF 5	(Ondwe)	PSC
(12)	IOR 3	(Tetma)	PSC
(13)	IOR 4	(Pyay)	IPR
(14)	IOR 5	(Htantabin)	PSC
(15)	IOR 6	(Myanaung)	IPR
(16)	IOR 7	(Shwepyitha)	IPR
(17)	MOGE 3	(Padaukin-Natmi)	PSC
(18)	MOGE 4	(Myintha)	PSC

3. All interested parties are cordially invited to submit "the Letter of Expression of Interest", together with Company's Article of Association (AOA), Memorandum of Association (MOA), Certificate of Incorporation, latest Annual Report and latest Financial Statement (or) Financial Report and Detail Track Record, which are to be endorsed for authenticity by the respective Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the place of Company's registration (or) establishment or nearest, in sealed envelopes superscripted "Confidential" "Myanmar Onshore Blocks Second Bidding Round-2013", to the following address not later than two (2) Months after the date of announcing of this invitation (17th January 2013):-

Director General
Energy Planning Department
Ministry of Energy
Building No.6, Nay Pyi Taw
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

4. The petroleum operation shall be conducted on production sharing basis and/or improved petroleum recovery basis and the party(s), who desire to enter into the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) and/or Improved Petroleum Recovery Contract (IPR) with the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) shall have

technical competency, financial capability, experience, expertise and technical know how to conduct petroleum exploration and development works and must have good track record.

5. The potential bidders will be pre-qualified and selected. Then the potential bidders who passed pre-qualification will be presented with General Overview of each Block consisting of representative data and information free of charge by Geological/Geophysical Team of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise.

6. The potential bidders will be explained and provided with Standard Terms and Conditions by Energy Planning Department in order to submit proposal(s).

7. The potential bidders will be allowed to submit up to three (3) proposals for three (3) onshore blocks together with proposed Terms and Conditions. The proposal submitted shall be on a block by block basis.

8. The potential bidders' proposed Terms and Conditions will be assessed and the best offered Terms and Conditions will be selected for awarding.

9. The potential bidders must cooperate with a minimum of (1) one Myanmar national owned company registered at Energy Planning Department, Ministry of Energy, of their own choosing.

10. Energy Planning Department will provide the list of Myanmar national owned companies registered at Energy Planning Department to interested foreign companies.

Director General
Energy Planning Department
Ministry of Energy
Building No.6, Nay Pyi Taw
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Note: For further inquiry (and/or) information, please contact the followings:-

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Email: myanmoe@mptmail.net.mm
- (2) Managing Director
Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ministry of Energy, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Tel: 95-67 411 055/ 411 056
Fax: 95-67 411 125
Email: mogedirplan@energy.gov.mm
- (3) Myanmar Embassies in respective Countries

ELECTION OF THE TRUSTEES
NOTICE

1. THE ELECTION TO ELECT 5 TRUSTEES FOR THE Management of the Cholia Mosque Trust will be held on Sunday, the 17th February, 2013. 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. At The Cholia Mosque Trust Office Hall.
2. All the Registered Voters are requested to come in and cast their Votes. Voters should bring in their N.R.C and F.R.C Cards for identification.
3. CANDIDATES for election as TRUSTEES shall be nominated by at least two persons whose names are borne on the list of Voters. And such NOMINATIONS shall be in writing, signed by such persons and must be delivered. At the office of the Trust, (10) Ten Days before the date fixed for the Election.
The Last Day for Submitting the Nominations is 7.2.2013; 4:00 P.M.
Nomination Form can be obtained on application, from the office of the Trust, free of charge.

Haji U Khin Soe
12/Pa Za Ta (N) 015936
Managing Trustee
Cholia Mosque Trust
No. 114, Bo Sun Pet Street,
Pabedan Township, Yangon.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (489)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (489) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.1.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (531)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (531) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.1.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

In Amenas' residents concerned over their future after
hostage crisis

IN AMENAS, (Algeria), 21 Jan—Having breathed a sign of relief following the Algerian hostage crisis, residents in In Amenas voice concerns over the future of their small city, worrying about negative impacts of the terror attack.

Algerian Special Forces stormed the gas field facility here on Thursday and ended the operation

on Saturday, rescuing 685 Algerians and 107 foreigners. During the operation, at least 23 workers and 32 militants were killed, the Interior Ministry said.

For Mohamed B, 30-year-old owner of a 4x4 vehicle for rent, nothing will be as before in his city.

"Our city has been attracting, for a long time, thousands of people from

around the country and even from all over the world to work on gas projects," Mohamed told Xinhua on Sunday. "I have got a strong feeling that local economy will deeply suffer from the consequences of that terror attack." Although confident that neither his family or himself would be in physical danger, the man is planning to leave the city

of IN AMENAS, "in case there are no jobs." Daoud, a greengrocer in downtown In Amenas, is heartbroken that "the eternal peace we thought In Amenas has seems to be shattered in a short period of time."

Xinhua
Local residents are seen on a street in In Amenas, Algeria, on 20 Jan, 2013.
XINHUA



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MV SINGAPORE BRIDGE NO (031)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINGAPORE BRIDGE VOY NO (031) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.1.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING
LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**Government of the Republic of
the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Sports
Sports and Physical Education Department
(Invitation to Open Tender)**

- Open tenders for the following equipment for the 27th SEA Games are invited in Kyats:
 - Physiotherapy Equipments
 - Fitness Center Equipments
 - Fitness Testing Equipments
 - Rehabilitation Equipments
- As for the rules of the tender and detail lists of the Equipments, please contact the medical sports division of the Ministry of Sports, Office No.31, Nay Pyi Taw, or dial 067-406036 or 067-422138 between 21.1.2013 and 27.1.2013. Please come in person to draw Tender forms.
- Please submit the tenders at 16:30 hours on 28.1-2013 the latest. We will not accept any tender form that reaches us after the deadline.

**Open Tender Invitation Group
Sports and Physical Education Department
Ministry of Sports
Office No (31)**

Hollywood actress Katie Holmes hires a dating coach

LOS ANGELES, 21 Jan— Actress Katie Holmes, who recently split from husband Tom Cruise, has hired a dating coach.

The actress is eager to move on after her split and is seeking professional help to boost her confidence around men, reports contactmusic.com.

"It was after her birthday at the end of December that Katie decided it was time to give her love life a different approach," a source told *Grazia* magazine.

"She's had one-to-one sessions and the occasional phone session, and she's learning how to approach people, as well as dating and flirting tips to get her confidence back."

"With a little bit of help, Katie now feels she's armed with enough confidence to start dating again and taking that next step to finding a perfect partner," the source added.

PTI

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Film director Oshima dies at 80



TOKYO, 21 Jan—Japanese film director Nagisa Oshima, known for directing "In the Realm of the Senses" and "Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence," died of pneumonia at a hospital in Kanagawa Prefecture on Tuesday afternoon, his family said. He was 80.

Kyodo News

Ministry of Cooperatives

Invitation for open tender to purchase equipments

- Open tenders are invited to purchase the following equipments for the Ministry of Cooperatives

1. Computer	29 Nos.
2. Printer	32 Nos.
3. UPS	11 Nos.
4. Laptop Computer	4 Nos.
5. Copier	5 Nos.
6. Overhead Projector	5 Nos.
7. Computer and Office equipments	7 items.
8. Equipments for factory and workshops	13 items.
9. Equipments for laboratory	7 items
- Open tender forms are available at the Office No. 16, Ministry of Cooperatives, Nay Pyi Taw, in office hours (9:30 am to 16:00 pm) from (23.1.2013) to (25.1.2013).
- Open tender forms are to be submitted in the presence of the tender board at the Office No.16, Ministry of Cooperatives, Nay Pyi Taw from 10:00 to 11:00 hours. The overdue tenders will not be accepted.
- The open tender forms and detail information are available at the following address.

**Construction Scrutiny Committee and
Procurement Scrutiny Committee
Office No. 16, Ministry of Cooperatives, Nay Pyi Taw
Ph: 410033, 410031**



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John Abraham will be Bollywood's first shirtless mafia don

MUMBAI, 21 Jan — Filmmaker Sanjay Gupta said his film Shootout at Wadala will have protagonist Manya Surve, played by John Abraham, as the first shirtless mafia don in Bollywood.

"This is will be the first shirtless don. You will not get to see anyone else like this in Bollywood. No one will be able to compete with him (John)," Sanjay Gupta told reporters during the first look launch of his film in Mumbai.

John Abarham also

put an action-filled performance at the promotional event.

Asked if item numbers figured in the film, the director said that Bipasha Basu, Deepika Padukone and Priyanka Chopra have been approached for them.

"There are not three but four item numbers. We have approached few of them. But it's in the process and it will be wrong to name anyone," he said. The film also stars Anil Kapoor, Kangna Ranaut, Tusshar Kapoor, Manoj Bajpai and Sonu Sood.—PTI

Don't Smoke

Richa Chadda enjoying newfound fame

NEW DELHI, 21 Jan— With a string of films in her kitty and getting nominated alongside industry veterans at various award functions, Richa Chadda is on cloud nine after 'Gangs of Wasseypur'. The actress is enjoying the new phase of her career to the fullest.

"I think it is a great start for me. I am working with some well-known directors. I think I started in a reverse way (from supporting actress to lead role), but never expected such appreciation," Richa told IANS.

"Normally it takes around five to six years for any actor to get to this position. I consider myself lucky to have been able to experience it at such an early stage," she added.

The actress made her Bollywood debut with

Dibaker Banerjee's 'Oye Lucky! Lucky Oye!' in 2008, but it was her role in Anurag Kashyap's 'Gangs of Wasseypur' that gave her critical acclaim.

"Everything is destined to happen at a particular time. 'Oye Lucky! Lucky Oye!' just happened. I wasn't completely ready for films. Now I feel I am in a position to handle things in a more organized way," said Richa.

Her powerful performance as Nagma in 'Gangs of Wasseypur' has landed her nominations at award functions too. Asked how much awards matter to her,

Richa said: "It feels nice because there is so much competition in today's times. The awards show

that you have been accepted by the industry as well as by the audience."

The actress currently has four films 'Ram Leela', 'Tamanchey', 'Fukrey' and 'Ishqeria' in her kitty—all of which are glamorous roles. She admits they are all an enjoyable experience.

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SPORTS

Penguins chase Lundqvist to dominate Rangers

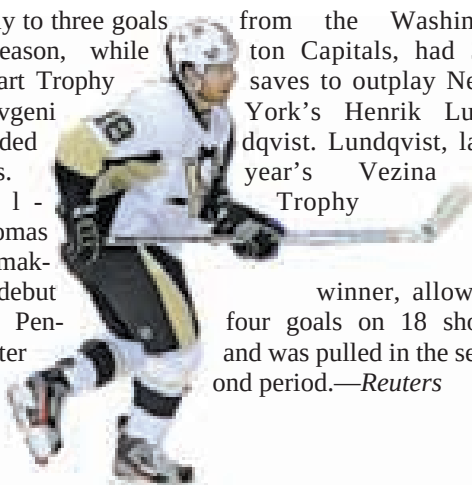
NEW YORK, 21 Jan —James Neal scored two goals as the Pittsburgh Penguins hammered the New York Rangers 6-3 on Sunday to make it two wins from two.

The Penguins, hoping to fulfill expectations this season after consecutive first-round playoff losses, knocked off Philadelphia in the season opener and followed it up with another dominant triumph on the road against New York.

Pittsburgh tallied three goals in the first period and held a 5-1 advantage in the third before the Rangers rallied. Neal scored in the first and third periods to

take his tally to three goals for the season, while reigning Hart Trophy winner Evgeni Malkin added three assists.

Goal-tender Tomas Vokoun, making his debut with the Penguins after being traded



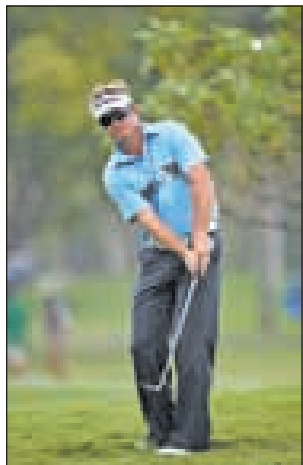
Penguins winger James Neal (18) scored during the third period of their NHL hockey game at Madison Square Garden in New York on 20 Jan, 2013.

REUTERS

from the Washington Capitals, had 31 saves to outplay New York's Henrik Lundqvist. Lundqvist, last year's Vezina

Trophy winner, allowed four goals on 18 shots and was pulled in the second period.—Reuters

Brian Gay wins Challenge in three-way playoff



Brian Gay

LA QUINTA, (California), 21 Jan — Brian Gay clinched his fourth PGA Tour title in champion style when he beat fellow American Charles Howell III and Swede David Lingmerth in a sudden-death playoff to win the Humana Challenge on Sunday. Gay, 41, sealed victory in fading light on the Palmer Private course

at PGA West after striking a superb approach to five feet at the par-four 10th, the second extra hole, and coolly sinking the birdie putt.

Howell, bidding to claim his first title on the US circuit in six years, bogeyed the hole after ending up in the back left bunker in two, splashing out to nine feet beyond the pin and missing the par putt. PGA Tour rookie Lingmerth was eliminated at the first extra hole, the par-five 18th, where he bogeyed after hitting his second shot into water. Howell, with a solid two-putt, and Gay, who chipped to four feet, both birdied the hole.

"It feels amazing," Gay told reporters after securing the winner's cheque for \$1.008 million and a two-year exemption on the PGA Tour.—Reuters

Hamburg draws, Augsburg wins at German Bundesliga

BERLIN, 21 Jan—Hamburg were held to 1-1 draw at Nuremberg owing to the leveller by Tomas Pekhart while Augsburg defeated Dusseldorf 3-2 giving away a 3-0 lead to close the 18th round of German Bundesliga on Sunday. Nuremberg's Tomas Pekhart snatched Hamburg three points on home soil thanks to his equaliser at the 75th minute. The hosts started highly motivated against the "Hanseaten" but as soon as the match progressed the visitors took the reins.

Hamburg lurked for holes inside Nuremberg's defence but yet they had difficulties to overcome the home sides bulwark. Thus both goalkeepers had little to do during the first half due to the lack of creativity by both teams. With beginning of the second half Hamburg dictated the

pace on the pitch as Dutchmen Rafael van der Vaart and Artjoms Rudnevs approached Nuremberg's goal dangerously.

However, with 70 minutes into the match Dennis Aogo had set up with a cross for Artjoms Rudnevs, who won the air battle against Nuremberg's Javier Pinola, to nod home



Nuremberg and Augsburg draw 1-1 in Bundesliga.

from very close range. The host remained unimpressed and responded well only five minutes later when Tomas Pekhart met Timo Gebhart's diagonal pass inside the box to slot home from penalty area to restore parity. Nonetheless, Nuremberg maintained their eight-point cushion to the relegation play off spot with 21 points

whereas Hamburg occupy a disappointing 9th place with 25 points.

At the other match on Sunday, Augsburg wrapped their second win of the season following their 3-2 win over Dusseldorf. Sascha Molders brace and Ja Cheol Koos goal pioneered the way for the win even though Dusseldorf's Stefan Reisinger reduced the deficit with two consolation goals to ensure a thrilling closing period.

In the dying minutes of the match Reisinger again found the back of the net but referee Manuel Graefe denied the equalizer because of a supposed foregone foul play. Despite the win Augsburg remain in the drop zone on 17th position, with only 12 points out of 18 matches, meanwhile newly promoted Dusseldorf stays on 14th position with 21 points.—Xinhua

South Korean speed skater Lee sets new world record in 500m

CALGARY, (Canada), 21 Jan—South Korea's Lee Sang-hwa established herself as the fastest woman on skates on Sunday when she set a new world record in the 500 meters at the Essent ISU World Cup speed skating event in Alberta.

In a field that featured China's Yu Jing, who became the first female skater to go under 37 seconds a year ago, Lee shaved off 0.14 seconds off the Harbin sprinter's mark to cross the finish line at the Calgary Olympic Oval in 36.80. American Heather Richardson (37.42) was a distant second in the 500m Ladies Division A race,

while Margot Boer (37.54) of the Netherlands claimed the bronze.

Yu, who set her world record on the same ice at the World Sprint Championships, finished fourth in 37.66. On Saturday she won a bronze in the same event, the only medal China won over the



weekend. Veteran Wang Beixing (37.74) was seventh for a second straight day. "I didn't expect the world record here," said a surprised Lee through an interpreter. "I was hoping to set it next week in Salt Lake City (at the World Sprint Championships)." Richardson, who was tied for second overall in the Grand World Cup standings going into the weekend, also won her second gold medal in the 1,000m Ladies Division A race in as many days in 1:13.30.

Reuters



Christian Gentner (L) of VfB Stuttgart shoots during the German Bundesliga match against VfL Wolfsburg in Wolfsburg, Germany, on 19 Jan, 2013. VfL Wolfsburg won 2-0.—XINHUA

GENERAL

Cash donated to quake victims in Thabeikkyin

THABEIKKYIN, 21 Jan — Local people of Meiktila collectively donated cash donation to quake victims in Thabeikkyin Township on 16 January.

The donor team led by Meiktila Township Administrator U Kyaw Swe handed over K 3915000 for 262 victims to Thabeikkyin Township Administrator U Ko Ko Hlaing, Region Hluttaw representative U Than Soe and officials.

Officials then shared



cash donations to the victims from Seikkan and Kabe wards.

Local authorities are

undertaking rehabilitation tasks in Thabeikkyin Township.

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AC Milan beat Bologna 2-1 to climb to sixth



ROME, 21 Jan -- Thanks to a brace from Giampaolo Pazzini, AC Milan beat Bologna 2-1 to climb to the sixth place in the Italian Serie A on Sunday. The Italy international, who scored a hat-trick at the Renato Dall'Ara back in September to give the Rossoneri their first win of the season, put the hosts 1-0 ahead in the 65th minute. He doubled their lead in the 82nd minute after displaying a fantastic individual skill and a predatory instinct in front of

goal. Philippe Mexes gave the hosts cause for concern with a careless own goal in the 84th minute, then Bologna pushed hard for the equaliser. But the Milan side managed to hold to the end.

Roma failed in their bid to claim sixth place back from AC Milan as they were held to a frustrating 1-1 draw by Inter Milan at the Stadio Olimpico. Francesco Totti's penalty put Roma in front in the 22nd minute before Rodrigo Palacio equalised in first-half stoppage time.

Roma had the better chances to win it but both sides appeared to tire quickly as the game soon fizzled out in the second half. Roma head coach Zdenek Zeman was still upbeat about his side's chance to qualify for next season's Champions League.

"I continue to say we have to keep playing, as there are many games still to go. We do not feel that we are out of the running and hope to prove that on the field,"

he said. His Inter counterpart Andrea Stramaccioni was impressed with the draw, considering "It was the right result." "Roma's potential on home turf is huge, both because of Coach Zdenek Zeman and the quality of the players," said Stramaccioni. "They started out very strong and put us under real pressure in the first 20 minutes. After the break I saw a good Inter and I think the draw was the right result. We felt the absence of some of our players in attack," he said.

Napoli failed to make up ground on Serie A leaders Juventus as they had to settle for a 1-1 draw against Fiorentina at the Stadio Artemio Franchi. Facundo Roncaglia's spectacular goal from within his own half gave the home side the lead in the 33rd minute, but Edinson Cavani replied within ten minutes to join an exclusive club of players with 100 Serie A goals.

Reuters

49ers in Super Bowl after comeback against Atlanta

ATLANTA, 21 Jan—The San Francisco 49ers battled back from a 17-0 deficit to defeat the Atlanta Falcons 28-24 on Sunday and book their first trip to the Super Bowl in 18 years where they will face the Baltimore Ravens.

Running back Frank Gore scored two unanswered second half touchdowns as the 49ers, who came up one win short of reaching last year's Super Bowl, booked their place in the 3 February decider in New Orleans.

Second year quarterback Colin Kaepernick, in just his ninth start, delivered a composed all-



San Francisco 49ers' Frank Gore (21) scores a second half touchdown past Atlanta Falcons' Thomas DeCoud (28) and William Moore (25) in the NFL NFC Championship football game in Atlanta, Georgia on 20 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

round display, throwing for 233 yards and one touchdown while tight

end Vernon Davis had 106 yards receiving for a San Francisco team which never lost faith despite falling so far behind. "We are tough, it is hard to break us. We aren't going to give up," said Gore. "We will keep fighting into the fourth quarter and until the game (clock) hits double zero." The victory was a record comeback for a team in an NFC Championship game and capped a pulsating encounter at a packed Georgia Dome.

The 49ers, who had losing records in seven of the eight seasons before Jim Harbaugh took over as head coach last year, now have a chance to win a record-equaling sixth Lombardi Trophy, tying the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Reuters

Thai Tourism and Sports Minister dies at 72



Chumpol Silpa-archa

BANGKOK, 21 Jan—Thai Minister of Tourism and Sports died of a heart problem on Monday morning, the Bangkok Post online reported.

Chumpol Silpa-archa, also a deputy premier, was pronounced dead at 9.39 am at Ramathibodi Hospital in Bangkok.

The Chartthaipattana Party leader, aged 72, was sent to hospital after he collapsed from a heart problem on 17 December, the Bangkok Post online reported.

On 17 December, the veteran politician from central province of Suphan Buri was rushed to the hospital from Government House after he developed breathing difficulty and later passed out.

Chumpol is the younger brother of former Prime Minister Banharn Silpa-archa.

Xinhua



Wojciech Szczesny, goalie of Arsenal, clashes with Ramires of Chelsea during the Barclays Premier League match between Chelsea and Arsenal at the Stamford Bridge in London, Britain, on 20 Jan, 2013. Arsenal lost 1-2.—XINHUA

India to provide technical assistance to Myanmar agriculture, livestock breeding

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan— Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. Villur Sundararajan Seshadri at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 2 pm today.

The meeting focused on providing Indian technical assistance to Myanmar in the sectors of agriculture and livestock breeding along with poverty alleviation tasks being undertaken, and the sectors of rail transportation, energy, and power supply.

Also present at the call together with the Vice-President were

Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Daw Khin San Yi and officials concerned.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham poses documentary photo together with Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. Villur Sundararajan Seshadri.—MNA



Vice-President U Nyan Tun speaking at first SME Development Committee meeting.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan— Small and medium enterprises have become the driver of the inclusive and balanced growth of a country, Vice-President U Nyan Tun said in his speech at the first SME Development Committee meeting at the

government office, here, this afternoon.

The central committee and work committee for SME development were formed on 9 January to oversee boom of SMEs.

“SME constitutes more than 90 percent of developing

SME, an engine for inclusive and balanced growth: Vice-President U Nyan Tun



and Asia-Pacific economies in 2001-2009,” he said.

He stressed the need to encourage SMEs for economic growth of the

country.

He tipped rich resources, food and labour abundance for success of SMEs in Myanmar, saying there

would be bigger challenges ahead.

He said Myanmar has fewer SMEs compared with neighbouring countries with less competitiveness. He called for revising laws and rules and regulations and drafting strategies and plans to develop SMEs in the country.

He urged the formation of Union and region/state government institutions and committees to gear up SME development while underscoring the need to invite public participation.

He said Monitoring and Evaluation system should be established for respective committees.

Secretary of the work committee Union Minister U Win Myint talked about advantages

and disadvantages of SME, efforts for emergence of SMEs in the neighbouring countries, and development programmes for SME including duties of the work committee. Joint Secretary of the work committee Deputy Minister U Set Aung discussed major factors for development of SMEs.

Those present at the meeting participated in discussion.

The Vice-President called for translating outcomes of the meeting into reality in his concluding remarks.

The meeting was also attended by Union Ministers U Tin Naing Thein, U Aye Myint, U Win Myint, Dr Ko Ko Oo and U Htay Aung, deputy ministers and departmental heads.—MNA

Union Foreign Minister meets Finnish Minister and party

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan— Ms. Heidi Hautala, Minister of International Development of Finland and delegation called on U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union

of Myanmar at the ministry, here, this noon.

The two sides discussed and exchanged views on potential for development cooperation between the two countries.

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Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw IRC meets Chairman of the Danish Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Jan— Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo held a discussion with a delegation led by Mr Per Stig Moller, Chairman of the Danish Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee at Hluttaw Complex here this afternoon.

Both sides discussed matter on Hluttaw affairs

between the two countries.

Also present at the call were Secretary U Maung Toe of Public Accounts Committee, Secretary Dr Soe Yin of Hluttaw Rights Committee, Member U Than Tun Oo and U Khin Maung Soe of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission and responsible persons from the Hluttaw Office.—MNA

Significant night temperatures (21-1-2013)

Haka	1°C
Pinlaung	4°C
Heho	5°C